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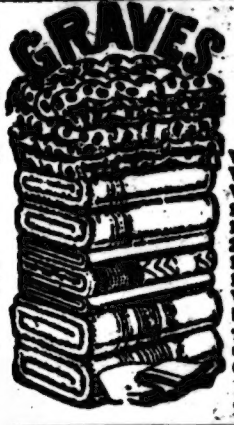

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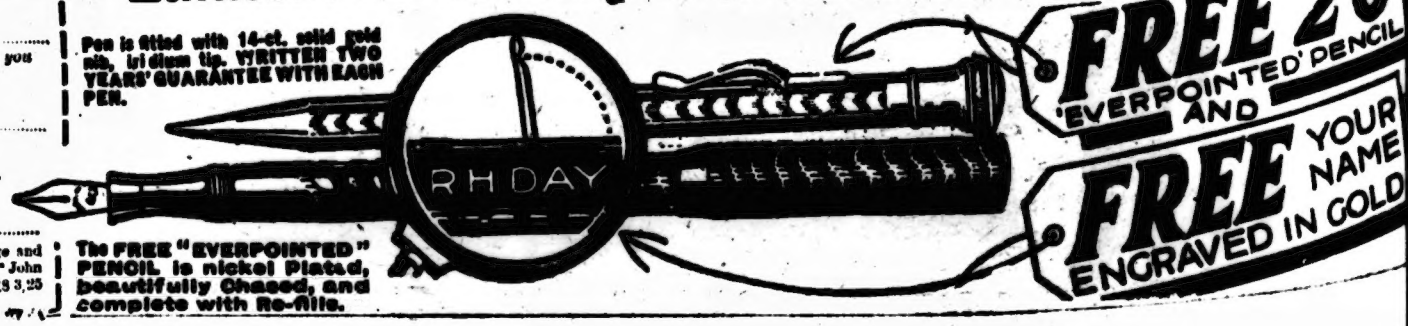

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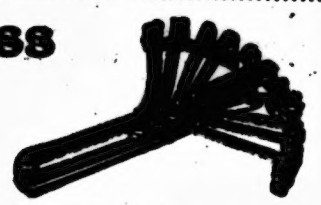

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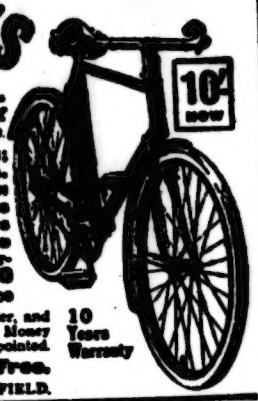

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The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

A Truce in Industry.
The Premier continues his great appeal for an industrial truce. The first side that fires a shot will be a public enemy.

To Please All.
Mr. Baldwin is deemed "vague" by some critics. Others find fault with his inaction. He could turn them into admirers by keen domestic legislation. But it must be bold.

Not One Sweet Song.
The rifts within the Labour party of which we have lately spoken came to the surface in the election of Parliamentary Whips. To Clyde extremists the working-class co-operative movement is suspect. There is more trouble in the background.

Sadder and Wiser.
Mr. Austen Chamberlain's visit to Paris and Geneva was to him a disappointment. The most painful discovery was that France does not care a jot about a security guarantee from Britain unless it secures her everything she wants.

Dithering Along.
The Geneva Conference broke down simply because the big Powers hadn't concluded their various secret treaties and felt they were on slippery ground. When is this damnable backstairs diplomacy going to cease?

Facile Fiction.
The Chancellor of the Exchequer still keeps up the pretty fiction that the Bank rate is fixed without the slightest reference to him. How easy it is to gull M.P.s!

Nothing Promised.
Mr. Baldwin is unable to give undertakings as to immediate reform of the House of Lords. If he means to get on with unemployment and housing fast, we're with him.

Who Said So.
The screw is being put upon Labour M.P.s. The new Whips will do sentry-go at the members' entrance. And under Chief Whip Arthur Henderson discipline all round will be tightened.

Back to Washington.
With nothing done at Geneva, President Coolidge is trying to bring about another Washington Conference on disarmament. He is sure of British encouragement, but France is likely to use the Geneva impasse as an excuse to discourage talk about either disarmament or debts.

Free Speech—for Some.
The executive of the Miners' Federation are unsportsmanlike in their vote of censure on Mr. Philip Snowden. Criticism sweetens public life, and miners' secretaries must not be placed above it. Moscow tyranny won't wash here.

Wait and See.
Mr. Purcell is annoyed with the Press for not encouraging the Russians in their "tremendous experiment." But the more tremendous the experiment, the greater the risk.

Money for Nothing.
Yet another move is to be made by the theatre-managers to get the entertainment tax removed. As this is about the only tax that can be collected without any cost to the Exchequer, the appeal will fall on deaf ears.

The Swagger Service.
Though the Army Estimates are half a million down (one pound in ninety) they could be cut a good deal more without loss of efficiency. An army that spends £400,000 more on cavalry than on engineers has not learned everything from the great war.

The Mespot Mess.
Now that the Iraq Government has signed an agreement with the international oil combine for seventy-five years, surely the U.S. ought to garrison Mespot. If she has a share of the profits, why not a share of the work?

Fire-quenchers, not Fire-eaters!
Dutch progressives want to convert Holland's standing army into a fire-brigade. A good idea. If carried beyond Holland it would put out the flames of war.

The Strong Man's Weakness.
Strikes are spreading throughout the length and breadth of Italy. This is the workers' reply to a dictatorship that does nothing but dictate. Mussolini is at the parting of the ways.

It's Never Too Late.
Up to date the Irish Free State has not asked to be represented at the British Empire Exhibition this year. We hope Dail Eirann will not miss this splendid opportunity.

Everybody's reading "The People" Don't miss it next Sunday.

Unemployment.
A Departmental Committee has been appointed to consider the advisability of including rural workers in the Unemployment Insurance Act. When the land is used as it should be, there'll be no rural unemployment.

We'd Like to Know.
English and Welsh wheat-fields last year yielded 17·6 hundredweight per acre. Why are not more acres of land cultivated for wheat?

Heads Together.
Shipowners and shipbuilding masters and men are to have a pow-wow about those German ships ordered by a British company because they were £60,000 apiece cheaper than any British offer. That's the way to tackle our difficulties.

Coffin Ships.
Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister "has no evidence" that much of our mercantile shipping is out of date and unseaworthy. If he'll take a voyage with the lower ratings he'll get some.

Medical Fallibility.
In the Thorne murder trial the defendant's guilt was established on the evidence of one doctor, which was thereupon called in question by several others. It is time the Home Office took this heavy responsibility off the shoulders of one man.

Legal Jobs.
Combined action by judges is needed to stop outrageous charges in County Court proceedings. An unsuccessful action to recover £66 brought the plaintiff a bill for £57 11s. 4d. It's a scandal.

What to Do.
Glasgow has taken compulsory action in nine thousand cases where repairs were neglected after higher rents were charged. It is a reminder to tenants. Increased rent means weather-tight houses. If not—invoke the law.

No Blocking.
The Government Court of Enquiry is to report on disputes in connection with steel houses. There must be fair trial. The welfare of future occupants is the one thing that matters.

Bench Bullies.
Members of all political Parties united in the deputation to the Home Secretary on the subject of vaccination. Magistrates who refuse to administer the law as it stands should themselves be punished. There's too much bullying from benches.

The Great Coal Mystery.
This week the House of Commons has debated on the Government's failure to deal with excessive coal prices to the consumer and on the miners' scheme for a statutory minimum wage. Two sides of a cryingly urgent problem which the Government so far has done nothing to solve.

Problems of Life.

The Nature of Good

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

READING through Bishop Temple's latest book, I have been struck by a statement he records in a footnote.

It is this: "Edward Caird used to urge his pupils to avoid the common phrase 'too good to be true.' 'If anything is not true,' he would say, 'it is because it is not good enough to be true.'" The meaning of this fine expression may not be plain to everyone, but it is well worth understanding.

It simply amounts to saying that a thing only exists at all in so far as it is good.

THIS is the core of truth in Christian Science, for instance, when much that is invalid and even harmful is sifted out.

The Christian Scientist asserts that:

Good is positive: evil is negative.

Good is life: evil is death.

Good gives: evil takes away.

What happens in disease? Vitality is being lessened.

What is pain, bodily or mental, but the perceived absence of well-being?

What is poverty in any sense of the word but the realised privation of the means to fuller and happier living?

In every case the good thing is the real thing, and the evil thing is its opposite.

Where the sunlight falls the shadow does not merely retire and wait to return: it disappears entirely; it ceases; it is gone.

If it comes back again we know that it is nothing in itself; it only marks the spot whence the light has been withdrawn.

ON the front page of Dean Inge's great work on Plotinus is a quotation which runs thus:

"I feel certain of being on the right track when I seek in that which should be, the ground of that which is."

Let us lay it to heart. The one great business of life is that of bringing good into manifestation.

To see that anything ought to be is to hear a call to bring it out.

What ought to be can be.

Good is latent in everything with which we have to do; it is ours to draw it forth.

The opportunity comes to all and comes all the time.

None of us is so poor or so weak but that he can become an open door through which the waiting and longed-for good streams into the world.

And so to live is to be happy.

*** *Many of Dr. Campbell's previous articles have been published in book form under the title of "A Book of Homely Wisdom" (5s. John Lane).*

The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

We're Waiting.

The price of flour in many districts continues to fall. What about the loaf? So far bakers have made no change.

A New Ramp.

Cambridge sets the ball rolling by a tax on wireless aerials on Corporation property. As yet no apparatus has been found for measuring and taxing the air we breathe.

Soap and Salaries.

The Trade Board for the Laundry Industry has turned down the claim of the women and girls for higher wages. It has not reduced the cost of washing. Cleanliness may be next to godliness, but it's more costly.

Doctors don't Deteriorate.

Eight hundred and forty-three country doctors last year took "refresher courses" at London hospitals. We welcome the news. Where science continually strides forward methods of healing must not lag behind.

Genteel but Unnecessary.

A number of leading West End actors object to their trade union on the ground that it ranks them with boiler-makers. A strange hallucination, since the mummer's trade is not indispensable.

Room to Live.

Plans to settle 180 British families on 30,000 acres of land in Alberta have been completed. If similar plans could be evolved for this country these 180 could have stayed at home.

The Sport of Kings.

Public rights on Epsom Downs are in danger. It is proposed to enlarge enclosures by moving forward fences on common ground. The legal position is being tested. It's just as well to remember we're in 1925.

A Lesson in Economics.

According to Mr. H. R. Watling, a leading cycle manufacturer, rail freight charges represent 14 per cent. of the cost of a brand-new bicycle. Cheaper freights would lower the cost, increase the demand, and relieve unemployment.

Where's the Catch?

We observe that the mines which are being run by miners to see if they can make a profit are only those which have been making no profit. Clever owners.

Good News.

Speculators buy up subsidised houses to resell at a profit. It is being made illegal. A little foresight would have prevented such dirty tactics from the first.

Hope for Tenants.

The Government is tightening the screw on profiteers in sub-letting. Unless there is stricter observance of the Rents Restriction Acts some persons may land in jail. And none too soon for our liking.

Protection Needed.

The ever-recurring crime of holding up post offices in little shops suggests that some better method of running these small departments must be found. It's getting too dangerous for women.

Changes Pending.

Drastic revolutions in the traffic law may be looked for in the near future. There has been no new Motor Car Act since 1903. It's ridiculous.

Casting out Satan.

The Governor of Brixton Prison is doing his best to humanise the inmates. The old-fashioned methods, he says, are dangerous and degrading. He is right. More Governors of his kidney will mean fewer criminals.

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The Fly on the Meat.

Our campaign for clean food is achievi results. Certain boroughs in London are to ma regulations that all meat exposed for sale sh be placed behind closed windows. Inside t shop it will be protected by muslin, so that disea carrying flies will be thwarted. Clean food mea better health and less disease.

Undetected Crimes.

"Murder against some person or persons u known" was the verdict at Hammersmith l week on a woman who had succumbed to illegal operation. One of the arguments birth-control instruction is that it would tend check the crime of abortion, with which, app ently, the police cannot successfully deal.

It's Your Money.

William Barnett, of Mile End, is in jail for maki false statements in order to obtain relief. T man managed to milk the taxpayers of £2 before being found out. Put on relief work, stead of being given money for nothing, su fraud would have been impossible. When will t Government learn sense?

Bulldog in Blue.

The £10 reward presented to Sergeant Jam Hedges at Bow Street was well earned by bulld pluck. The sergeant walked a plank one fog night, in a hail of missiles, to a roof, got a grip o burglar, and hung on, although both crash through the roof. A less determined man wo have let his quarry go. Tenacity like this w reduce the number of burglaries.

Grabbing Guardians.

A collier named David Jones, of Pontypridd, w given outdoor relief by the guardians, and aft wards sued for repayment of the money. Ho ever, the local county court judge refused to ma an order in the guardians' favour, holding that t grant was not a loan, but a gift. To ask a worki miner to pay back the pittance that has kept bo and soul together during a spell of unemployme is surely the limit in heartless impudence.

Groceries, not Prison.

When Ross Hilton, of Braithwaite Street, st bread from a van at Blackpool it was not that was a thief, but because he was starving. Wh Blackpool's great-hearted chief constable learn the truth, and that Hilton was workless, withdrew the charge against him and gave h groceries. Now some one in Blackpool sho give the poor chap a chance to live by findi him a permanent job.

Dog Eats Dog.

Lincolnshire agricultural labourers havi obtained a rise in wages of 2s. per week find farmers are retaliating by raising rents. T time-honoured privilege of carting coal in fa wagons must now be paid for at 3s. per t "Old mares" can no longer be borrowed. T bit of old straw used for pig bedding must bought. It may prove the last straw. D content and revolt are spreading.

The Warrior's Reward.

Mayfair and Threadneedle Street declaim agai the making of Communists. William Brand Tottenham man disabled in the war, is too ill work; his weekly pension of 14s. is too small him to be able to obtain lodgings, and the wo house doors have been slammed in his fa When the Government as represented by Ministry of Pensions treats ex-warriors thus wonder is that discontent is as rare as it is. should be made more rare.

Handing Round the Hat.

A poor chap at Blackburn who, through fault of his own, had not earned a copper eighteen months, was brought to court for having a licence for his fourteen-year-old d All that time they had been pals, in good ti and bad, and the magistrates' clerk sent a along the solicitors' table to raise the money the licence, and got it. Thanks, gentlemen Now if the poor chap can be found a job he buy next year's licence himself.

Winning a Long Battle.

Our campaign against the undesirable night clubs has had a successful sequel. The legislation for which we have called for over three years is at last before Parliament and, when passed, will do much to blot out the scandal.

Humanity and the Lash.

In sixteen years as a judge, Lord Coleridge has never sentenced a man to the "cat," and he condemns the lash as barbaric and brutalising. All forms of punishment are brutalising. While there are brutes who assault women and children we believe in the judicious application of the "cat." The dread of corporal punishment has a restraining influence on cruel criminal lust.

Red-tape Overdone.

A mother who was fined £1 at Kingston, Surrey, for allowing her daughter to be away from school, said the girl was fourteen on January 14, and left on January 12 because she got a job. The money helped to support the other eight children. The magistrates said she must attend school to the end of the term in which she became fourteen. It seems very hard that a girl should have to risk losing a job for so trumpery a piece of red-tape.

Her Bath Night.

We wonder what the wife of Frank Rowlands has to say to him. As a Denton, Manchester, woman was splashing in her bath she saw a pair of eyes belonging to Rowlands admiring her. She bobbed down like a submarine, and her screams warned her husband. Rowlands didn't wait to face the husband, but ran, dropping a pocket-book containing his name and address in his haste. He got off luckily by being bound over. His wife must keep him at home on bath night.

A Graveyard Scandal.

The sights at the opening of any grave are gruesome enough, but the conditions prevailing at the parish burial-ground of Inveravon, Strathspey, are scandalous. On an average, from eight to twenty people have been buried in each grave, and, as the local minister, the Rev. Edwin Davidson, says, "the condition of the graveyard is a disgrace to civilisation." We agree. And we ask the proper authorities to take note of our protest.

What'll He Do?

"Hunger makes a man do things he would not do if in better circumstances," William Berry said at York. "Out of penal servitude, with just 5s. and not a chance of a job—what is a poor devil to do?" And the law said, "Go back to penal servitude for three years" as an habitual criminal. Some day he will again be released, turned upon the world with a few shillings and without a character that will get him a job. Then what is the poor wretch to do? Men should be saved, not scrapped.

Cures for the Lonely.

From far-away Natal a reader sends us this advertisement in a local paper: "British Ladies and Gentlemen seek correspondents in South Africa. Write N. M. Clare, 16, Cambridge Street, London, S.W.1, England." It happens that Mr. Clare is the secretary of the Universal Correspondence Club at that address, which we have criticised from time to time, and we cannot recommend people to make acquaintances in this way—for, of course, a fee. The dangers are obvious.

Who Earned the Pension?

The manager of the Gas Office, Heathfield, Sussex, apparently has some remarkable notions of doing business. He is advertising for a clerk with some knowledge of accounts, and a neat writer, to whom he proposes to pay the generous salary of £1 a week. He says that an "ex-Service man with pension" would be preferred. Why should a man be offered less than a living wage because he has served his country and earned a pension? The benefit of his war service should surely go to him, and not to the astute gas manager.

A Long-standing Complaint.

A lady is busy writing letters to the charitably disposed asking for help. She says she wants to buy a "few new clothes," and adds, "It will mean such a blessing to me, for I stand up in all I own." Her name is Mona Howard, of 14, St. Mary's Mansions, Harlesden, N.W., and we strongly warn people against her. She is an ancient begging-letter writer, and has been "standing up in all I own" for a quarter of a century.

A Long-drawn Ballot.

Several of our readers have written to us to ask when the Dublin Shilling Ballot, organised by the F. M. Players in aid of the People's Theatre, is going to be held. The last circulars say that the prize money has been deposited with the Munster and Leinster Bank, but that the Ballot will remain open for some time longer. There should, of course, be a fixed date, and we invite the Secretary to let us know it.

A Despicable Fraud.

We have continually exposed a rascal who called upon the relatives of dead soldiers and induced them to part with their war medals which, for a fee, he promised to have mounted and framed. His game was to disappear with both medals and money, and we are glad that last week, in the name of David Stone, he was sent to jail for twelve months for a long series of these extensive and shabby frauds.

A Missing Financier.

It is now some months since a firm called Lendal Limited, which took thousands of pounds as "security" from its ex-Service men employes, collapsed, and its director, Henry Gordon Lewin, disappeared—taking with him the secret as to where the security-money had gone. A warrant has long been out for his arrest. Why is he not brought to book? He should be arrested without any further delay. Is his disappearance to be another unsolved mystery?

The Lieutenant and the Watch.

Mr. A. Damerell, 10, Robinson's Row, Salcombe, advertised a silver watch for sale. He got a letter from Lieutenant A. R. Cotleigh, 84, Third Avenue, Queen's Park, London, W. 10, asking for the watch to be sent to him on approval. Hearing no more after complying with this request, he wrote to us, and letters to the lieutenant are returned marked "Gone away." As an officer and a gentleman he ought either to pay for this watch or return it immediately.

Not Our Pigeon, Thanks!

A firm called the Sovereign Novelty Company, of 24, Bishop Lane, Hull, is selling a thing which it calls "The 'John Bull' Mascot of the British Empire." Many people might suppose that this "John Bull" mascot might have something to do with this journal. Of course it has not.

The Gift Watch.

A persistent person named R. Lloyd, who runs the Universal Trading Company, of 89, Cornwallis Road, London, N. 19, is at his old games again. His scheme is to present you with a watch on condition that you buy from him a chain. There is no philanthropy about Mr. Lloyd. He is selling cheap goods at fancy prices, and his customers generally find they have a box of worthless rubbish in return for the money they have parted with to this man.

Lost in Transit.

J. M. McLauchlen, of 100, Euston Road, London, N.W.1, had better mend his letter-box. We are receiving many complaints from people who cannot get their winnings from this person, whose excuse, in nearly every case, is that he has not received the coupons on which the winnings are claimed. Do letters from losers have the same fate?

The Ivory Cross.

This is an institution which carries on at 10, Henrietta Street, London, W. 1, and arranges in some cases for free dental treatment. But if you want immediate treatment you must pay £4, either out of your own pocket or by collecting it from other people. In a letter sent by Miss Fletcher, hon. secretary, to an ex-Service applicant, who has an aged mother to keep, the question is asked, "Cannot you contribute a few shillings a week out of the dole?" The question is one not conspicuous for delicacy.

April Fool Amplifiers.

"The amplifier is guaranteed to keep its efficiency for a period of five years and will be renewed every six months by our local agent." Such was the somewhat curiously worded written guarantee given last April by Legertwood and Co., 1, Cambridge Place, London, to many provincial people who paid them 17s. 6d. for a telephone appliance. As the months have passed by the apparatus has lost any usefulness it ever had, and the guarantee now seems to have been mere April fooling, for complaints to the firm are blissfully ignored.

The Human Machine.

Think First

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

IT is a commonplace that the power of thought distinguishes man from the other animals. What exactly is the object of this function of conscious thought?

Its object, it seems to me, is to enable man to gain a true knowledge of reality, to enable him to do the one thing that has made him master of the world—adapt himself to his environment.

In fact, as I have elsewhere stated, the surest test of a man's intelligence is the speed with which he can dominate and mould to his own will an unaccustomed set of circumstances.

To put it even more simply, I believe a man's intelligence to be measured by the ease with which he overcomes difficulties.

Now there is a right and a wrong way of using this tremendous weapon of conscious thought: we can either use it blindly, prodigally, wastefully, or direct it as a skilled workman guides and controls his intricate machine.

WE should never blunder ahead in a mad endeavour to ride roughshod over obstacles. A child, or even an unreasoning animal, can do that.

We should bring into play in any given situation only those powers, thoughts and ideas that promise to give definite results.

Hence, the immense importance of forethought: there is nothing more valuable in the face of difficulty than a calm review of the situation and an endeavour to see all sides of the question.

It is precisely for this that man has been given the power of conscious thought: it is the ability to do this that marks off the intelligent man from his unintelligent colleague.

An hour spent in such a reasoned review of a situation may save many hours when it comes to definite action.

A REFORMATORY SCANDAL

LITTLE CHILDREN KIDNAPPED FOR LIFE

Commission of Inquiry Needed

IT has been our duty to speak very plainly about the administration of some of the industrial schools of this country, and since we recently referred to the reformatory institution at Stoke Park, Bristol, information has reached us from all parts of the country with regard to similar matters, which calls for the corrective influence of publicity.

Children of all ages, for playing truant or committing some trivial offence, are sent to Stoke Park to be taught the better ways of life. Boys and girls as young as eight, perfectly sound in mind and body, have been ordered to this place to be detained there until they have reached the age of sixteen.

In many cases, when their period of detention has been completed, they have been discharged and returned to their parents. But in a considerable number of instances children have been kept, sometimes for years, after their release has become due, and all efforts to obtain their freedom have been unsuccessful.

The excuse of the authorities is that the children must remain because they are "mentally deficient." The mothers indignantly declare that as their children were quite sane when they were sent there, their mental condition must have developed while they were under the care of this reformatory school.

In a living tomb

We have already dealt in this journal, from time to time, with specific cases showing how great and real this evil is. One was that of a girl who was sent to Stoke Park when she was ten, and is still there at the age of twenty-three. Now we will deal with several other children whose parents are appealing to us to obtain their little ones from this living tomb, which appears to have closed upon them for the rest of their lives.

Rosa Head was sent there for a trumpery offence four years ago. Her mother was told that she would learn a trade and then come home. She does not appear to be learning anything worth while, and no news can be obtained as to when she is likely to come out.

Slaves of the State

Lily Wrenn was sent to Stoke Park in 1916. Her father was fighting in France, and the child was taken from his wife without his consent. She was sent for three years. When the three years were up her parents applied for her release. They were told that she was not fit to be discharged, but this young girl is fit enough to do tapestry-work and needle-work, and capable enough to look after a heavy steam boiler — duties which the authorities would have to engage somebody else to discharge if Lily were restored to her parents. When her release was again applied for officialdom remained adamant, and the girl has now been transferred to another home under the same official management as at Stoke Park.

A little boy named Best was sent to Stoke Park Colony when he was eight. His detention was for the usual period—until he attained the age of sixteen. When his period of detention expired his parents applied for his return to them. They cannot get him back. He is now nineteen. "I keep on writing to them to see if they will let him come home," the mother pleads, "but they won't. I think it is hard to keep him there all these years." So do we.

Mrs. Didwell has a little girl who did not attend school regularly. She was sent to Stoke Park until she reached the age of sixteen. Then the anxious mother was informed, as many other parents are informed, that her daughter had been certified as mentally deficient.

"I have tried my hardest to get her home but without success. She was taken away at the age of eleven and will be seventeen in July. Being poor, I have appealed to the authorities for a free railway warrant but cannot get one to see my child. She was a sensible girl when she was sent to Stoke Park, and her letters do not suggest that she is in the least simple-minded."

Children without a chance

These are but a few of many cases. We could go on giving scores of their kind. We do not understand why children should be sent away for specific periods of detention, many of them cruel in their severity, and be shut up for years in a place which is like a closed prison to little children, and where the inmates, by being branded with the stigma of mental deficiency, are likely to remain for ever doing work for the State for which it would otherwise have to pay.

This whole matter should be carefully investigated by an independent commission with no other consideration except the interests of the poor unfortunate children themselves. These unhappy little ones have never had a chance in life and cannot help themselves. It is all the more important that their interests should be adequately protected.

A One-Woman Show

Don't Give Your Money to Polly McKay

THE business of collecting money for charities is so open to abuse that we do not think Mrs. Polly McKay can complain if we criticise the institution which she is running—namely, the Mountjoy Orphan Homes for Friendless and Destitute Children in Glasgow.

This institution, formerly known as the Mountjoy Evangelistic Mission and the Gospel Union Orphanage, was operated in Edinburgh and Leith before being established in Glasgow.

Mrs. McKay keeps a small number of children at 15 and 20, Burnbank Gardens, and maintains a considerable staff to deal with this small number.

Money is collected from all over the country, and the collectors are paid out of the money they collect—a very undesirable system indeed.

Although accounts of a kind are prepared, there is no responsible Committee of Management. This is all wrong. Some of Mrs. McKay's relations occupy rooms in the house, and some of them are paid commission as collectors.

There does not seem to be any evidence of any shortage of money in Mrs. McKay's Orphan Homes. Mrs. McKay, for instance, has a very fine Touring Gospel Car, and also a private car, which suggests that there are some agreeable creature comforts associated with this task of collecting money.

At one time Mrs. McKay had some trouble with the authorities because she took children from the home to attend at open-air services and meetings, at which the little ones assisted to take the collection. This has now stopped, but many very objectionable features remain.

On one occasion Mrs. McKay was cautioned by the magistrates for breach of regulations in her charity collecting schemes, and on another occasion she was convicted of an offence, but sentence was deferred.

She has been able to buy the house at 20, Burnbank Gardens, and has also taken 15, Burnbank Gardens as a boys' home.

If the people of Glasgow think this orphanage worth supporting they can easily maintain it, and there would be no need to send collectors out to other parts of the country to raise money for this one-man, or rather one-woman, show.

Mrs. McKay, calls herself "Staff-Captain," and is apparently a captain of her own staff. We suggest to our readers that they are under no obligation to help her to run this charity, which the Glasgow people themselves are not willing to maintain.

In any case we think there ought to be some legal authority entrusted with the task of supervising all organisations which appeal to the public for funds to carry on charitable work. Such an authority should have full powers to investigate the work done by each charity, to supervise the methods of collection, and, most important of all, to have access to the books and accounts.

Doctor's Blunder

Coroner's inquest imperative

TO lose a babe but a few weeks after it has entered into the world is a sad blow to any parents. That the death of the innocent mite should be the means of leaving a cruel stigma on their character is something which goes beyond the bounds of tragedy.

In plain justice we demand an immediate and full investigation into the circumstances leading to the death of the three-weeks-old child of Mr. and Mrs. T. Henshall, of 34 Free Trade Street, Hanley.

The little girl was born before Christmas last, and was a happy little mite, and to all appearances perfectly healthy.

Wrong number

Naturally the parents discussed the question of vaccination, and they decided that they would not have it done. It was with some surprise, therefore, that the mother received a visit one morning from Dr. R. H. Read, the public vaccinator of Hanley, who announced that he had come to vaccinate the child.

Mrs. Henshall informed him that her husband did not wish that to be done, but, after protest, she gave way, and the injection was made on the little one's arm.

When the father heard what had happened, he called on Dr. Read, and asked how it was that he came to vaccinate a child which was only three weeks old, and which, in any case, had not been registered.

It was then that the doctor made an amazing discovery. *He had called at the wrong address and vaccinated the wrong child.* He had set out to vaccinate a six-months old baby at 24, Free Trade Street.

A cruel suggestion

He apologised to the father, and all might have been well, but that some days later the child broke out in a rash which formed into blisters.

Next day two other medical men, Dr. Gill and Dr. Alcock, were called in, but within a week the poor mite had died. Dr. Gill certified that death was due, not to vaccination but to marasmus (wasting of the body) and intestinal hæmorrhage.

Unfortunately the symptoms preceding death have given rise to the suggestion that the child might have inherited a congenital disease. This stigma cannot be treated lightly, and it will be a grave injustice if they are given no opportunity of proving their freedom from any such taint.

It so happens that similar symptoms to those developed by the child have on frequent occasions been certified as due to vaccination.

It is the clear duty of the Hanley coroner, in view of the facts which will now place before him, and of which he was not fully advised on seeing the death certificate, to hold an inquest on the Henshall baby.

We have no wish to censure Dr. Read, but medical men have to serious a responsibility to be allowed to escape lightly from such carelessness.

e Boy who Paid

t steal chewing gum

ICE, it has been said, should above suspicion. And when see sentences passed on s that are hopelessly diver- e begins to wonder whether ng ought not to be done to this divergence.

or father has written to us us how these things strike He encloses a news cutting of of a youth who had stolen y and other articles to the f over £250, and spent the n riotous living. He was not prison, but was bound over father promising to recom- e firm which had been robbed. t this, the poor father says, case of my boy, John n, living with me at 3, Street, Pendleton.

John was only fourteen he mpted and stole—not nearly hundred pounds worth of y, but some spearmint chewing e total amount of his depre- being under four shillings.

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not fair that McMahon should ished for anything they did, s surely a terrible hardship on oldier that his family should oken up and his home-life ed because he and his wife y did their bit in the war.

sense of rankling injustice is ated when one reads of the treatment of the young man le hundreds of pounds worth ls, spent the proceeds in the of pleasure, and was not even jail for a few days because his got the opportunity, and was repay the money.

ope that the proper authorities k into the circumstances of wo cases, and take action that ow that there is not one law rich and another for the poor.

ANYONE SEEN WHITBREAD?

DUPED BY MILITARY DECORATIONS

Our Readers' Assistance will Help

WE are constantly advising people not to invest money in return for promises of employment, without making the fullest enquiries.

Now, we want to speak quite plainly on the same matter to firms who make money by introducing applicants for employment to people who promise to give them such employment on the receipt of money, either as an investment or as security.

A gentleman named Francis G. Stassen, of 15, Peebles Place, Palmerston Road, High Road, Kilburn, London, W., has just had an unfortunate experience in this connection. He saw an advertisement appealing to Ex-Service men requiring berths.—Several openings.—Money security.—No *rubbish*.

This advertisement was inserted by Major Aldworth, D.S.O., who also advertises as Major Aldworth and Co., of 160, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

We pass over the question of taste in this matter of using military titles and decorations, which no doubt may be considered as giving character and reputation to a business firm.

An introduction arranged

Mr. Stassen got in touch with Major Aldworth and Co., where he saw one of the partners, a Mr. Joseph H. Wilson. Mr. Wilson introduced him to a Mr. R. Whitbread, who was willing to give employment if money were lodged as "security" by the employee.

Mr. Stassen naturally asked Mr. Wilson what he knew about Mr. Whitbread, and he was told that Whitbread had a good reputation, was a member of the Paddington Borough Council, that he understood that he had recently purchased a row of houses, and was moving to larger premises because his business was growing so rapidly.

On the strength of these statements Mr. Stassen parted with £100. He has lost that money. Several other men, also introduced to Whitbread by the firm of Major Aldworth & Co., are in exactly the same boat, and have lost money they invested or deposited in order to obtain employment.

Mr. R. Whitbread.

Whitbread turned out to be something very far indeed from the description given of him by Mr. Wilson of Aldworth and Co. He had no row of houses, and, though it was true he was transferring his business premises, the impulse behind the movement was not improving trade.

A warrant has now been issued for the arrest of this man Whitbread, but it has not been executed because he cannot be found. We publish a photograph of him here, and if any of our readers can identify him, and assist us with regard to his whereabouts, we shall be glad to give him an opportunity of defending himself.

Mr. Stassen is an ex-Serviceman and it was his anxiety to get a good job which led him to disaster. He says that, naturally, he reposed confidence in a firm of which one of the members was a Major and a D.S.O. He has tried to get his money back from this firm, arguing that they were really responsible, by their advice and recommendations, for his parting with his money. They, however, deny any legal responsibility. Mr. Wilson said that what he told Mr. Stassen was what he had been told by the missing Whitbread himself.

When asked if he did not make adequate enquiries, Wilson said that to make enquiries of the nature suggested would involve his keeping a staff similar to that of Scotland Yard.

Questions to answer

Did Major Aldworth, D.S.O., or any of his partners or "ex-Service representatives" (as he refers to them in his advertisements) investigate the books or accounts of Whitbread? Or did they inspect his premises or adequately check his statement that he owned a row of houses? If they did, the firm was unfortunate in being persuaded to recommend a rogue, particularly after publishing an advertisement with an implied promise of careful selection in the words "No rubbish."

Further, if they accepted fees for these introductions which have turned out so disastrously, we think that the least they can do is to return these fees to Whitbread's dupes.

They may have many clients for whom they have been successful in obtaining good positions. But they should realise the necessity which we here urge of making such enquiries as will safeguard people, impressed by military rank and decorations, from losing their money, as Mr. Stassen and others have done, in this Whitbread fiasco.

Afraid to Face a Jury

Scoundrel's Artful Plea of "Guilty"

THE people of Worksop are indignant over a shocking case which has occurred in their town, and a number of them have appealed to JOHN BULL to turn the light of publicity on this matter.

A young man named Henry Walton, a miner by trade and a married man with two little children, resides at 110, Newcastle Avenue, Worksop. He was charged before the local magistrates with having committed an indecent assault upon a little girl of eleven years of age.

The poor little child had been sent out on a message by her mother, who lives in a neighbouring street. She was coming home, passing through a quiet road in the dusk, when this dreadful scoundrel met her, seized her, and indecently assaulted her. She knew the man by sight because she attended the same church as he did.

Now, the amazing thing is this. The man who committed this horrible offence told the magistrates that he wished the case to be tried summarily, and he pleaded guilty. In this way he avoided going before a judge and jury, who would no doubt have dealt with him as he deserved.

The magistrates let him off with a fine of £10!

We direct the attention of the Home Secretary to this case, because it illustrates exactly the point we have been urging for some time—that innocent children should be protected by an amendment of the law.

Some time ago a man was charged at Cardiff Assizes with an indecent offence against a thirteen-year-old child, and a judge and jury had the opportunity of dealing with him. He was sent to jail for seven years.

The dirty rascal Walton was astute enough to avoid appearing before a judge and jury by, as we have said, pleading guilty and asking the magistrates to deal with him summarily.

He also got a clergyman, the Rev. H. V. Turner, to make an appeal for him on the ground that he was a decent, steady, sober and reliable man, a considerate good husband, and the father of two babies. To plain people this seems only to aggravate the shocking offence he committed, something that recalls the cynical story in Greek literature of the man who murdered his father and pleaded for mercy on the ground that he was an orphan.

In any case, the mothers of Worksop are now terrified when their children are out of their sight. We sympathise with their burning indignation over this case, and their anxiety for their little ones.

Therefore, we repeat our appeal to the Home Secretary, in the name of children who cannot protect themselves, to give them the fullest protection of an amended law.

All that is required is a Bill to prevent people, accused of criminally assaulting children, from being able to demand to be tried summarily, an enactment which will compel them to appear before a judge and jury.

The Perfect Voice

Debt Collector's Impudence

FOR perfect cheek we do not know anything quite so conspicuous as a concern called the Perfect Voice Institute in Chicago. It advertises for people to take a course of voice-production, and persuades them to sign an agreement to pay for such a course by instalments.

There may be some people who believe that they may be able to learn how to become Carusoes by taking correspondence courses, but, for the most part, genuine musical enthusiasts are quickly able to make up their mind whether or not the correspondence course is of any good to them.

In cases where this negative attitude is adopted, the Perfect Voice Institute hands over its clients to the North American Collection and Adjustment Agency, of 1600, Montrose Avenue, Chicago, which demands from them a certain sum of money to "cancel all obligations."

In the course of their circulars, this Agency says: "We would much prefer to assist in redeeming a lost reputation than to use all the force of legal procedures to compel a settlement with our clients."

This, of course, is all bluff. If, in colloquial language, you do not fall for it, you hear no more from this collecting agency, with its anxiety about other people's reputations.

When they threaten to collect these instalments in any manner they think fit they are talking what, in their country, is called "hot air."

Watch Kelly

KELLY is a good old Irish name. But the fact that a man calls himself Kelly does not necessarily mean that he is Irish.

A gentleman named Matthew Kelly, for instance, about whom we are receiving a number of enquiries, happens to have been christened in the more alien-sounding name of Kellynowitz, which, for reasons of his own, he some time ago abandoned.

He seems to be having financial difficulties with people from whom he has obtained capital for his various activities, and we strongly urge any of our readers who receive any proposal from him to treat it with the utmost caution.

He describes himself as a "Shipper," and operates from 53, West Cromwell Road, London, S.W.5. This address used to be utilised by him for the working of an artistic swindle in which he excelled a few years ago.

He then passed off, at exorbitant prices, coloured photographs as painted portraits, and, after roping in countless dupes, he was convicted of fraud.

He is now making periodic visits to the Continent and is dabbling in leather goods and patents. The public should be very careful in dealing with this plausible person

WHERE MUGS ARE CAUGHT

Gambling Dens the Police Must Raid

WHAT are the police going to do in regard to the renewed activities of the gambling fraternity, that vicious section of the underworld which preys upon the weak-minded and unwary?

Gambling dens are flourishing again in the West End of London and are making fortunes for their owners. There is one in Wardour Street where roulette and chemin de fer are played day and night. It is patronised to a great extent by the idle rich, who drive up in their motor-cars.

It might be thought that there is no particular reason why such people should be protected, but there are amongst the victims of the gambling craze many young people, and particularly young women, who are lured into these places and plundered.

Not far from this establishment in Wardour Street, and in one of the shabbiest streets in Soho, is another den of a very luxurious kind which is run by an alien. This man boasts to his friends that he often nets a thousand pounds in a single night.

There is another alien, of Austrian origin, who has for a long time been doing very well out of gaming dens. He buys houses in the suburbs, ejects the tenants regardless of their circumstances, and transforms the place into gambling dens run by managers appointed by him.

There is a den in Gerrard Street, Soho, where people crowd together in a small room and play roulette to their hearts' content. Taxis can be seen drawing up to this place at all hours of the day and night, and the frequenters are of a very undesirable class.

A street bookmaker in the Paddington district is interested in more than one gambling den there. One of these places is in Eastbourne Terrace, and another in Praed Street.

These dens ought to attract the attention of the police because drinking goes on there almost openly after hours, and there are other obnoxious things about these establishments which, in the interests of morality, call equally for notice.

Places of this kind are being run by sharpers and undesirables all over London. There is one in Bloomsbury Square, another at Buckingham Gate, another in Belsize Park, and indeed, it would be possible to make a list in which practically every suburb would be represented.

Though you bray a fool in a mortar with a pestle yet will not his folly depart from him, and it is, perhaps, impossible to protect some foolish people from the consequences of their stupidity. That does not call for any sympathy with the rascals who make money out of the credulity of their fellows, and the persons who run these gambling dens are past masters in all the arts of chicanery and trickery.

Some of the shady class who run these dens, in the intervals between closing and reopening them elsewhere travel in the great ocean liners in pursuit of what they call "suckers," an American expression for the type of persons who will swallow anything they are told. A wealthy American was recently robbed of £20,000 at "Anzac Poker" while on the way to this country.

This year the sharks expect to catch many further victims amongst the many other visitors in the second year of Wembley, and if the police take a strong hand, and raid the gilded dens of Mayfair, they will do much to stop this class of crime.

A Garden City de Luxe

SOME day London is going to be surrounded by a ring of garden cities, and it is natural that the people of the metropolis should wish to know something about the pioneers who propose to confer this boon upon them.

There is a concern called the C. G. C. Trust, Ltd., giving its address at 10, Essex Street, Strand, W.C., which has embarked upon the project of developing an outer-ring of self-supporting garden cities round London and other congested centres.

The people who are running this Trust have their eye on a place where there are over four square miles of glorious high-lying, wooded country, with thousands of sites for shareholders, and a residential club in a two-hundred acre park for shareholding visitors.

But, though they invite people who are interested in high-lying and wooded scenery to communicate with them with the object of becoming shareholders, they do not say where this glorious belt of country is situated, nor do they give any adequate particulars of it. They talk about some strange thing called a "humanitarian nucleus," and state that the information is being prepared.

The Trust was incorporated in November, 1923, to indulge in financial operations of all kinds. It has a nominal capital of £5,000 in £1 shares, and was formed by Mr. Fairfax Goodall, of Beltinge, Cranford, Middlesex, and Mr. W. E. H. Benson, of 72, Finsbury Pavement, London, E.C., each of whom subscribed for one share each.

The directors are Mr. J. P. Quinton, author, of 29, Sutherland Avenue, W.9, and Mr. G. H. Goldsborough, engineer, of Northfield, Biggin Hill, Kent, who own all the shares between them.

We cannot recommend anybody to invest in this concern, because it does not show any signs of such efficient organisation as would enable it to ring London round with garden suburbs. The other day the Trust was fined at Bow Street for non-compliance with the Particulars of Directors Act.

These are not circumstances which would justify anybody in entrusting capital to this concern, which, so far, has only scored success in withholding the information which alone would vindicate any appeal to the public for capital.

Grave Miscarriage of Justice

IT is always a satisfaction to us to know that publicity given in JOHN BULL has helped someone in difficulty and distress and made for justice and truth.

Not long ago we told in these columns of a grave miscarriage of justice by which a young man, named Thomas Burge, of 24, Madeleine Street, Pentre, was sent to jail on a charge of importuning men.

The man he was alleged to have importuned was not called to give evidence, but a damning circumstance against the lad was the fact that he was carrying a powder-puff.

The explanation was perfectly simple. He carried it to oblige his mother, with whom he had gone on a visit to Wembley, and who had broken the bag in which she usually carried it. He was branded with shame by circumstantial evidence, and it was a great satisfaction to us to be able to champion his cause.

The mother has written to us to say what a cloud our version of the case has lifted from her boy. Our article, she adds, raised indignation over the awful trouble that had befallen her family.

"It satisfied the curious, it satisfied my best friends who were in the dark, as we could not bring ourselves to repeat the old sordid story. People took my boy by the hand, and he is now on his old work, and has the complete confidence of all his superiors."

There is another aspect of this case. It has cost his poor people—the son is a railway porter—nearly £200, which they have had to raise to defend their boy.

He has appealed to the Home Secretary to reconsider his case, but the authorities do not see their way to interfere with the decision of the court. If he could get a decision that would clear his character he could face the burden of debt with greater confidence, even though it may take him a life-time to pay it off.

The decision of the authorities is, no doubt, based upon the technical difficulty of disregarding police evidence, and on the fear of making a precedent that might be quoted in other cases. But the scrupulous observance of such technicalities is heavily paid for when a young man's life is clouded in so awful a way.

THE SECRET PLAGUE

THERE is only one sure result from playing with fire and that is burnt fingers. This applies to the question of venereal disease. Disinfectants may cure, but the only preventive is sexual purity

by LORD GORELL, C.B.E., late Under-Secretary of State for Air

VENEREAL disease, one of the most terrible scourges in the world, was with us in the days of our mothers and our grandmothers as now, though, of course, the overcrowding in our great industrial cities and the growth of our population has enormously increased it in recent times. But was it talked about? Was it so much as mentioned, except in purely medical circles? Women turned their eyes away from it and pretended that no such evil existed; men shrugged their shoulders as much as to say, "Well, it's nothing to do with us, or at any rate there's nothing we can do about it; it has always been in the world and it will always be."

If one looks back at what were thought to be the plain-speaking days, at the time of the Elizabethans, for example, one finds that people did not hesitate to mention it, but in a very different way from our point of view; it was rather a subject for scurrilous jest and half-scornful, half-pitying comment. Well, nowadays, to a degree that scandalises those grandmothers who are still living, venereal disease has again become a subject for consideration.

Grappling with a scourge

Newspapers that fifty years ago would never have dared to print a single word about it, in the certainty that if they did they would offend and probably lose a great many readers, now have articles and letters about it. Novelists, who know that they have only to be sensational and realistic to be successful, have no hesitation at all in mentioning it. Some people deeply regret that; but on the whole, though, like most reactions, it has gone too far, it has been a very good thing. We talk freely of this horrible scourge, but we talk with a purpose; we investigate and explain in order to see what can be done to get rid of it, or at least to check and diminish its ravages.

No one now has any excuse for not knowing that it is one of the worst plagues of humanity. It is not only terrible in itself, but it lies at the bottom of many other terrors; it is responsible, for example, for a large proportion of the cases of blindness. It comes, as practically everybody knows, originally from illicit or irregular sexual intercourse; it is spread in the main by prostitutes; and if it stopped there—if the man, who by immoral conduct exposes himself to the risks of infection, was the only person who suffered—it might not be altogether unreasonable to say, "Well, you brought it on yourself; you can't say nowadays that you weren't warned of the probable consequences; you chose to run the risk, and we are not going to help."

The sins of the father

But, unhappily, the man who catches the disease is not the only sufferer. What about his wife? Only too often he passes it on to her. Still more, what about the little children of whom he may afterwards be the father? Again and again and again, they are born diseased, terribly punished for no fault whatever of their own. No one but a very stern, and also a very ignorant, moralist can possibly refuse to help. To turn the back saying it is the punishment meted out by God for sin is cant.

Now, certain facts about the disease are quite clearly established and not disputed by anyone. The first is this—that the root cause of the scourge is immorality: abolish immorality and in a generation there would be no more venereal disease. That, unfortunately, is quite impossible: it would mean not only the abolition of immorality in England, but all over the world. What can be done is to raise the standard of morality. Women have helped enormously over this, and one reason why their greater freedom and power is to be welcomed is that they are much less willing than formerly to agree that there is one standard for women and a lower one for men.

Results of immorality

If there is less immorality, there will be less disease. People to-day are realising that, and realising also that, apart altogether from the simple question of right and wrong, a sufferer from the disease may, and often does, injure deepest the people he loves best. Any decent man who realises this tries to run straight. In consequence, one part of the campaign against venereal disease has been devoted to telling people about it, its cause, its effects on others, and its persistence — that is to say, the great difficulty of effecting complete and permanent cures.

Lord Gorell.

All this work is valuable, but by itself it is not enough. Many people will pay no attention to lectures, or advice, or warning; more will not stop to think; they get carried away by temptation before they realise it.

Safety better than sorrow

We come, therefore, to the second of the clearly established, undisputed facts about the disease, and that is, that it is caused by germs which lie for a short while on the surface of the skin, and that, terribly difficult as these are to eradicate when once they have taken hold, there are disinfectants which, if *thoroughly and promptly* applied, will kill them. The whole trouble lies in the words italicised. There is practically no dispute that if a man—it is obviously much more difficult for a woman—disinfects himself thoroughly and promptly after having exposed himself to the risk, the chances of his catching the disease are comparatively small. But can a man do this? Has he the knowledge enabling him to do it *thoroughly*? In the circumstances in which irregular sexual intercourse usually takes place, has he the opportunity to do it *promptly*?

It is significant that in one venereal disease clinic in London, where careful records were kept for three months, out of 375 men who presented themselves for treatment no fewer than 101 had used the particular disinfectants authoritatively recommended as a certain preventive—that is to say, more than a fourth had thought they had made themselves safe. It is also significant that of the 375, fifty-six men admitted that they had been more or less drunk when infected; that will always happen, and "more or less drunk" men cannot be expected to disinfect themselves either thoroughly or promptly.

It is obvious then that the problem is neither entirely a moral and social one, nor entirely medical. It is a mixture of both, and that has led to all the controversy. Many people feel deeply that to tell everyone about the means and methods of self-disinfection is to tell them how they can most safely go wrong; but, apart from that, there are all the difficulties about the words "thoroughly and promptly."

Then there is another thing: it is one thing to say that "The public ought to know all about disinfectants and then they can decide for themselves," and another to define what is meant by "the public." Nobody really wants young boys and young girls to be told not only all the horrors of what venereal disease is, but also all about the use of disinfectants.

The difficulty lies in this: it is right enough that the grown-up man or woman should be able to know what the disinfectants in question are, and even how to use them, though a person who relies on a leaflet of instruction may easily find, as those 101 men in the clinic did, that to read instructions and to carry them out thoroughly are two different things; but it is very difficult, almost impossible, to publish facts for grown-ups and keep them out of the hands of young boys and girls where they may do, and have done, great harm.

The sin that scars

Happily, now at last, after years of bitter controversy, the two societies—namely, the National Council for Combating Venereal Disease which at one time laid emphasis too exclusively on the moral side of the question, and the Society for the Prevention of Venereal Disease, which not only tried to treat it purely as a medical issue but relied extravagantly upon results obtained by the disinfection of soldiers under discipline—a very different thing from a civilian population of men, women and children not under discipline—these two societies are beginning to pull together. It is time; for there is much that can be done.

Take this for example. In other diseases it rests with the doctor to say when the patient is cured, and the law orders that people must notify the health authority in cases of infectious disease. In venereal disease a man need not present himself for treatment, he need not continue treatment once begun—that is, he and not the doctor decides when he thinks himself cured—often erroneously—and he need not notify anyone that he is suffering and a source of infection to others. All this difference, because venereal disease comes from immorality, and in consequence there is a slur and a stigma, attaching to it.

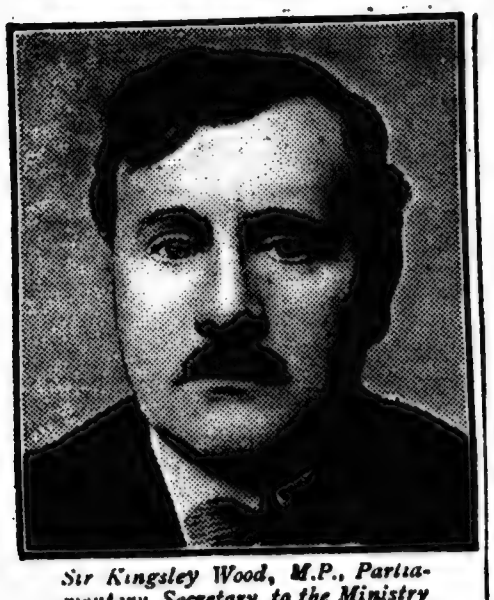
Breeding-spots for the plague

There is much more to be said about this terrible scourge than space allows. I have tried to give a plain, unvarnished account of its source and some of the main problems and difficulties surrounding it. I can only repeat in conclusion, that on one thing all—moralists, doctors, ministers, both of Church and the State, and both societies—are agreed, and that is that the only certainty for a man, who wants not only to keep himself but also his wife and children free from these horrors, is to avoid brothels and irregular sexual intercourse as he would the plague—for the first is the breeding-ground of the second.

CONSUMPTION CURE:

More Miraculous Cases Claimed—Medical Profession Awaits a Lead—Officialism Stands Aloof

SENSATIONAL developments have taken place regarding the new claims to a consumption cure. Official action can no longer be delayed. The treatment is being used in London hospitals and another clinic is being opened in the West End. In the interests of humanity we demand that the medical profession shall investigate this matter at once



Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health.

GREAT interest has been stirred all over the country by the sensational claims, announced exclusively in the last issue of JOHN BULL, of a cure for consumption made by a group of London physicians.

We then suggested that this was either the most stupendous medical discovery of modern times or that false optimism which is easily confused with quackery. The further we go into the matter the more apparent are the evidences that testify to the cure being all that is claimed for it.

In any case we ought to state, if only in fairness to the medical men concerned, that should the cure achieve less than is hoped, these doctors cannot be accused of quackery. Their belief, founded on their own medical and scientific investigations, is sincere beyond all question. They are honestly convinced that in this treatment is a certain cure for consumption of the lungs and tuberculous conditions in general.

Creating new flesh

As we explained last week, the cure is both simple and orthodox; the ingredients used are well-known drugs (listed and approved by the British Pharmaceutical Society) and perfectly non-injurious. They are made up in the form of an injection, administered by means of an ordinary medical hypodermic syringe.

This injection is made once weekly, and in less than a month the most intractable case shows signs of improvement. The cavities in the lungs formed by the disease are healed up, new and healthy tissues are formed and the general health of the patient considerably tuned up.

To understand this let us assume that the tubercle bacillus (the germ) has gained a resting-place on the membrane of one of the finer air passages; the system immediately raises up around it a tiny whitish lump known as a "miliary tubercle." The germ is imprisoned inside this tiny swelling and immediately isolated by the treatment. If the vital force of the system is equal to the task, the lump will gradually harden into a fibrous-like tissue.

Within the tiny swelling a terrific conflict goes on between what we will call the "giant cell" and the germ itself. If this is a case where the system is strong enough to destroy the germ, the "giant cell" digests its prisoner and the germ becomes no more; the fibrous, lumpy prison is gradually absorbed back into the blood, leaving a harmless scar behind.

In the early stages of the disease a surprising change for the better will be noted after one month of the Newell treatment. In advanced cases the progress will, of course, be slower, but the doctors' experience is, even in the very worst stages of the disease, that three months' treatment puts the patient out of all danger.

The foregoing gives an outline of the treatment which we disclosed last week. Since then considerable progress has been made towards bringing the treatment within reach of the medical profession as a whole for the benefit of humanity generally.

Lives at Stake

Medical Miracles Performed

WHEN dealing with a matter such as this, which is of vital importance to the whole world, it is obvious that extreme care has to be taken, as not only is the reputation of a group of doctors at stake, and the prestige of a powerful national journal, but also the lives of millions of human beings. For this reason the treatment has to be subjected to the most rigorous tests and the cases thoroughly investigated.

The attitude of the public has been revealed by the astounding letters that have reached us, and the fact that most of the leading daily papers are seeking for information in order to pass it on to their readers. We inform our brethren of the press that at the moment the whole subject is undergoing keen investigation by ourselves and an independent committee; when we are satisfied beyond the faintest suspicion of doubt that the treatment cannot fail to be a permanent cure we shall, for the sake of suffering humanity, give every newspaper in the land the same facilities that are at present accorded exclusively to JOHN BULL.

War on prejudice

The other section of the community that has expressed lively interest in the claims is the medical profession. Unfortunately it is hide-bound with red tape, tradition and convention. Any outrage of orthodoxy is unhesitatingly regarded as quackery. *It is on this stone wall of prejudice that we declare war. When the lives of the living and the unborn are menaced we refuse to allow any clique or class to adopt obstructionist methods.*

Most of the members of the profession whom we have consulted on this treatment approach the matter with a supercilious manner inferring that "as it has not been given the blessing of the inner circle of the General Medical Council, and as it has not been broadcast in the medical press, and as it has not been brought to the notice of the profession in the orthodox manner, it is, of necessity, suspect."

That is a mental attitude that is positively destructive to any hopes that consumptive victims may hold for a future in which the menace of the white plague has been destroyed. We appeal to the profession to be more broad-minded, to cut the bonds of red-tape, be as courageous as is the group of doctors already interested, and put this treatment to the test.

Eminent support

Since our last article we are glad to say that the more progressive elements in the profession are doing this. Already fifteen London doctors are now treating certain of their patients with the preparation and others have sent their patients to the clinic established by the discoverer and his medical colleagues for treatment. An eminent specialist in tuberculosis cases, a titled physician, has asked that one of the worst cases in his own private nursing home shall be treated at his expense.

That is not all. The medical superintendent of one of the largest hospitals in the metropolis, dealing with hundreds of tubercular patients each week, has arranged to introduce the treatment in his institution.

The governor of another London hospital has handed over his X-ray ward for the examination of cases being treated by the new method. This gentleman is so much impressed with the cures that he has himself donated a sum of money to be used for providing the treatment to necessitous cases.

In addition to the medical gentlemen who are now becoming sympathetically interested there are many others, eminent in non-professional walks of life, who have given their benevolent support to the matter.

An archbishop of the Roman Catholic Church is also going deeply into the whole matter, having given expression to h intention to support the treatment if is provided with proofs that it can what is claimed for it. As this has n been incontrovertibly proved, th reverend gentleman can be regarded a keen advocate in favour of introduci the treatment to that vast army on wh the dread disease has already left mark.

Another gentleman who has been i terested in the subject is a member the House of Lords, and his lordsh instructed his private secretary to co duct a most exhaustive investigati into all the claims and personally int view the patients. At the foot of t opposite page we publish the confident report that the secretary has now ma to his lordship.

Last week we announced our intenti to submit test cases of our own selecti for treatment. This proposal was u hesitatingly accepted by the doctors the matter and we are making t necessary arrangements. Several e treme cases of tuberculosis have be recommended for this treatment, but some instances they have been so pover stricken that they could not even affo their fares to London.

We have before us a letter from a m in the South of England. He says:

"I have had so much illness in the l seven years, which has cost me v dearly, taking all my earnings to k things going. My wages are £2 15s week; working as a semi-skilled wor in H.M. Dockyard, Chatham. The o time I get off is Saturday afternoon. am not allowed any leave with pay, you see I should have to lose a day's w every week, and my railway fare, coup with the fee, would amount to roughly per week, and that would be an possibility."

The tragedy of poverty

This man's age is forty-five years. 1918 he had a very bad attack of pleuri with much effusion, in the left side, in 1919 he had tubercular abscess on chest. This was lanced, but he sa "Later in the same year I had pleur (dry) in the right side. In 1921 I w under an operation for tubercular bone the chest; in 1922 I had a breakdo and had to stay at home for six wee Since then I have been steadily go down the hill. I had to stay home ag for a month this winter, and am n only doing very light duty. By what doctors tell me my lungs have beco chronically affected, and I have greatest difficulty in getting about, as breathing is very bad; they also me that nothing could restore damage which is done."

The double tragedy behind such let as these—the tragedy of the plague an poverty—strengthens us in our endeav to do all that is possible to break down prejudice that may militate against new discovery being given a fair cha by the profession.

It is two such cases as the foreg for which we will be responsible. T will be carefully watched by our medical correspondent, an eminent W pole Street physician, who will i

PUBLIC FEARS

***PROFESSOR A. M. LOW** writes:—*

"I am more than interested to read of your investigation of a suggested cure for consumption. As a scientist who does not profess to appreciate the intricacies of the medical outlook I have always been impressed by the extraordinary difficulty in obtaining unprejudiced investigation of any new discovery.

"As you most truly remark, the claims that have been made merit instant and complete investigation. It must be remembered that only about one century ago the medical profession stated that for men to travel fast in trains might produce death by heart failure.

"Medical science is certainly one of the most noble and splendid, but a moment's thought must convince anybody that in a few years' time the knowledge of to-day, by which different people are treated, in exactly the same manner will be not only out of date but may be the 'butt' of universal contempt.

"There are so many examples of complete neglect of the lay minds by the medical world that the public must be forgiven if they fear prejudices.

"May we not take it for granted that the Ministry of Health will probe this matter to the very bottom; the permanence of cures and the after effects upon the body are of vital importance?"

Sensational Developments

Sir George Newman, Chief Medical Officer of Health.

partial professional reports during the gress of treatment.
A committee of independent gentlemen , since our last article, decided to e the treatment a fair chance by anging to open, in London, a clinic or sing home where tubercular patients be received. We have met the mbers of the committee and have en favourably impressed by their dent honesty and capacity.
The premises are now in course of g fitted up; there will be a house nager, a gentleman of business ability, house surgeon and a panel of fully alified physicians and nurses. It will run on strictly professional lines.
The intention is to deal with another cases in the course of the next few nths. These will be carefully checked d progress annotated so that a mass of idence can be built up which the neral Medical Council dare not ignore.
Meanwhile we can produce the records cures in addition to those mentioned t week. One is that of a man (all mes and addresses are known to us) o had tuberculosis of the lungs for two rs. He was treated with the new paration in October last although he d been in a sanatorium without benefit.

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He had a high temperature and practi- ly the whole of the right lung was fected, and the left lung had also begun show signs of the disease. There is a ghty history of tuberculosis in the mily and when he went under treat- nt the patient was very ill indeed.
Four months after being treated, how- er, an X-ray examination was made a physician who is an expert in this. s report is: "X-ray examination ows fibrous striation left of aorta and e slight opacity on the left. There are marked oppressions or dullness about e chest, but there is slight conduction voice sound."
We adhere to the medical expressions d in the original of this report in order convince those of our readers who are mbers of the profession. The general blic should know that it is to bring out the healing condition mentioned r the first injections are made, and as, ore treatment, there had been extensive ness over one lung, the report is a luable testimony to its efficacy.
Also there has been no "temperature" r the commencement of the treat- nt; previously this had been dan- rously high. "The patient is now e a different individual" reports the tor.

Another case is Mr. E., aged 55, both of whose lungs were badly injured by the disease. No possible hope of cure was entertained by the profession—he was in a dying condition and confined to the house.

He has now had ten weeks' treatment and the doctor reports that "the lungs are healing up rapidly; the patient is in a healthy vigorous condition, almost restored to normal health and giving every indication of a sure cure."

Since our last article we have investigated two further cases of cures which had been effected during the past few days. They are residents in the East End of London. One is that of a sixty-year-old man whose lungs were badly affected with tuberculosis of five years standing. He was told that he could not live after Christmas, but now has so far recovered that active treatment has been discontinued. He himself says: "I am as well, bodily, as I was twenty years ago."

The other case is a young man of thirty who last May was sent to a public sanatorium in a very advanced stage of the disease. After three months' medical treatment there he was sent home, and a local medical man found that there was no improvement whatever.

Although he had gained weight as the result of the rest, the good food and the hygienic surroundings, the disease had made terrific ravages on the lungs, even since he had gone into the sanatorium. He has had four months of the new treatment, and the same medical man now states that he has so far recovered as to go back to work last week—a thing he never expected to do again.

In both these cases specimens of the sputum have been sent to a high authority for examination before the patients were discharged from treatment. In neither case has any tubercular bacillus been found.

Official Inaction

Tests must be made

THERE is an insistent demand from the general public that this new discovery shall be thoroughly investigated in view of the fact that there have been past instances of similar discoveries being quashed by the profession.

There are now fifteen authorised and qualified medical men actively using this treatment, and of about 100 cases that have been dealt with 95 per cent. cures are reported.

Sanatoria and medical men are being invited to use the preparation in connection with their patients and so ensure a test satisfactory to their own independent judgment.

We have brought this discovery to the personal attention of Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Minister of Health, and have had a private consultation with a leading official of the Ministry.

As a result we can announce that the Ministry is willing to conduct an investigation into the claims, making tests and surveying cases. The discoverer, Mr. Newell, states that he will place the formula itself into the hands of the Ministry (under the usual pledge of secrecy, of course) and provide complete facilities for investigation if the Ministry will undertake to give the treatment tests covering a period of not less than twelve months.

As this offer is miles ahead of that made by Spahlinger (who refused in any circumstances to allow the formula to leave his hands), who the late Minister of Health has stated would have been backed by a Government vote of £100,000, we feel sure that little time will now elapse before the Ministry has it.

One institution—perhaps the largest in the country—is even now making the necessary arrangements to introduce it into its numerous hospitals. In Germany the treatment is already in full swing. Dr. Janert writes to say that premises for another clinic have been secured in Berlin, and that the President of the Charite Hospital has requested a supply of the preparation.

Stings of death

Already certain Medical Officers of Health have been in touch with us on the matter, and the Chief Medical Officer of a county in the North has asked us to secure for him a supply of the medicament so that he can give it an extended trial in the county sanatorium. We shall be glad to extend this courtesy to any other responsible official or qualified medical man.

It must be understood that our first duty is to the public, whom we have always endeavoured to protect. In its interests we shall not hesitate to attack the sponsors of this treatment should they for one moment descend from their present sincere and genuine position.

Mr. Newell, who has sacrificed both savings and health in perfecting the treatment, has, however, given us a guarantee that he will never allow the medicament to be placed on the market as a patent medicine. He has promised to protect the public from being exploited by quacks who, were they to secure supplies, could market it and make a fortune. To this end, the preparation will only be supplied to qualified medical men.

As an earnest of this intention, Mr. Newell has just refused a tempting offer from America. Doctor Maurice, of the Michigan sanatorium, has investigated the cure, and in his report speaks very highly of its efficacy. This was followed by the offer from an American source to take enough of the medicament for one million injections. "We are, however, anxious to complete our tests here before entering into any foreign contracts," says Mr. Newell.

It now remains for us to urge the authorities in this country to go into the question of these remarkable claims with no further loss of time. Every day is precious. People are dying or are being marked with the sign of death. If this treatment can stay the plague it is criminal to delay.

"THERE is no inherent improbability of a cure such as that announced. On the contrary, it may be but one of many, some more, some less effective. The misfortune is that the medical and veterinary professions are so obsessed with vivisectional research—not to speak of the financial ing vested interests created thereby—that they fail to see the possibility of the cure of germ-diseases by means of injections, antiseptic in character and of pharmaceutical origin.

"This has been my experience since 1918 with regard to a specific for influenza and pneumonia, and since 1920 with a specific for foot-and-mouth disease, in regard to which you have on two occasions generously tried to help my campaign.

"I am afraid I should not be able with much enthusiasm to corroborate Mr. Wheatley's assurance concerning the zeal of every Minister of Health to give every encouragement to research, unless the term be fatally restricted in its scope."
—John Shaw, M.D., M.R.C.S. (late Pathologist N.W. London Hospital, late Physician to North London Hospital for Consumption).

Independent Report

to Philanthropic Peer:

I BEG to submit the following report on what I saw at the Demonstration of the Tuberculosis Treatment this afternoon, together with the statements made to me by patients.

The company present consisted of some well-known English medical men and a Doctor Janert, from the Charite Hospital in Berlin. This hospital is personally known to me, and has accommodation for some 3,000 odd beds. Dr. Janert had come over especially to investigate the treatment.

I gathered from my interview with him after he had examined all the patients that he was absolutely satisfied that the patients undergoing treatment were improving rapidly in health and that those stated to be cured now bore no sign of the disease, and were, in fact, in very good health.

Patient 1.—A Captain W., late of the Royal Air Force, whom I interviewed privately, told me that he was brought from a sanatorium in Switzerland as a stretcher case in November last. He was under the Ministry of Pensions and was assessed at 100 per cent. disablement as a tuberculosis case. He had had eight injections since coming under the treatment last November, and he told me that as a result he could now walk—in fact he came up from Hastings once a week for his injection—his health had tremendously improved and he was satisfied that a permanent cure was being worked in his case.

Patient 2.—Mr C., a man from the East End who had had nine injections, stated that he had been under treatment for two months; he was bedridden when he commenced the treatment but now his weight had increased 25 lbs., and he had already commenced work.

Patient 3.—Mr T., a labourer, stated that he had been given up by the local practitioner and his hospital doctor from the locality to which he belongs, some fifteen weeks ago. After fourteen injections he had enormously increased in weight and could get about without difficulty.

Prof. Low, whose views are on opposite page.

Patient 4.—A woman, of the servant class, treated during October and November last, said that she had been bedridden and practically given up as hopeless. She had a course of treatment and her local doctor now considered her cured. She told me she had been working for the last ten weeks, and felt in perfect health.

These are only four of the patients undergoing treatment and are taken at random. I might say that the other patients all spoke in the same strain.

The German doctor, Dr. Janert, was obviously deeply impressed, and in my conversation with him in his own language he told me of his convictions and his belief that this treatment would undoubtedly become adopted internationally

It appears that a working man or woman can take the course of treatment without any interference with his or her occupation. The patients told me that they felt no after effects in the way of nausea, fever, etc., whatever.

In view of all these facts I feel that the fullest investigation, which can easily be made and is freely offered, should surely be made.

Candid Communications

Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonentities.

To Mr. JUSTICE SHEARMAN,
Royal Courts of Justice.

SIR,—At the outset of the latest scandalous "Society" lawsuit you expressed the hope that it might be possible to settle the matter out of court, as "the public are getting sick of this kind of case." They certainly are; but I hope it is not necessary to remind you that a hushing-up policy will certainly do nothing to cure the evil. If anything can bring about an improvement, it will surely be the awakened force of decent public opinion. Let those who bring disgrace on themselves and their order have all the publicity they deserve. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir L. WORTHINGTON-EVANS,
Secretary of State for War.

SIR,—Shortly after the Armistice a commission was sent to investigate German methods of collecting nitrogen from the air. It was naturally assumed that the secret of this highly important industrial process would remain the property of the British Government; but it now appears that the whole thing has been handed over to a syndicate controlled by Brunner, Mond and Co., for private exploitation. It is high time the details of this amazing transfer were published. Why do you hesitate to name the price at which this valuable invention was sold? JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir W. JOYNSON-HICKS, M.P.,
Home Secretary.

SIR,—Your reply to the deputation which waited upon you on the subject of vaccination was not altogether satisfactory. The complaint is that magistrates frequently browbeat and intimidate parents who have a conscientious objection to vaccination, and in some cases refuse to sign exemption papers. Why you should want to consult the Lord Chancellor or anyone else before taking steps to reprove these bigots on the Bench, I cannot understand. It is the duty of magistrates to administer the law without fear or favour, whether they like it or not.
JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. W. S. CHURCHILL, M.P.,
Chancellor of the Exchequer.

SIR,—I hope your new Budget will make provision for widows' pensions, and for a more generous scale of allowances to the aged poor. Upon these matters the Government is pledged to the hilt. Nor will the public tolerate any undue whittling down of expenditure upon genuine social services, such as education and public health. So do not allow considerations of economy to occupy your mind to the exclusion of vital social needs. After all, there are higher ideals than saving the pockets of the well-to-do. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. W. E. MASHFORD,
Policy Holders' Protection Association.

SIR,—Your scathing censure of the methods of private insurance companies should direct public attention to a very genuine evil. The worst feature of the whole business is the heartless "lapsing" of policies on which substantial premiums have been paid, in consequence of which you estimate that over 40,000 people in the poorest class of the community have lost every penny of their contributions. Unless the companies can show a better example of honest dealing, the State should step in and manage the job itself.
JOHN BULL.

To Mr. RHYS DAVIES, M.P.,
House of Commons.

SIR,—The private Housing Bill which you introduced last week in the House of Commons deserves the support of all right-thinking persons. Among other things it provides "that houses where the partitions of sleeping-rooms are so thin or insufficient as not to comply with the requirements of decency and reasonable privacy, shall be deemed unfit for human habitation." This is a wholesome indication of what the law ought to be. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. W. C. BRIDGEMAN, M.P.,
First Lord of the Admiralty.

SIR,—It is stated that there are a number of women in the employ of the Admiralty earning as little as 35s. for a full working week, while men workers are agitating for a minimum wage of £3. That these rates of remuneration bear no decent relation to the present cost of living goes without saying, and I therefore assume that the increases asked for will be granted. The sooner the better. JOHN BULL.

To H.R.H. the PRINCESS MARIE LOUISE,
St. James's Palace.

MADAM,—At a time when so much criticism is levelled against those in social high places it is a pleasure to recognise such an example as yours of quiet and unobtrusive service to the poor, the sick and the suffering in the hospitals and homes where your presence is so eagerly welcomed. No member of our Royal House has done more than yourself—though that is saying a good deal—to win the affectionate regard of the less fortunate and favoured classes. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. W. YOUNG,
Governor of Hull Jail.

SIR,—You are a man with an open mind. Convinced that our prison system was not successful in the reclamation of criminals, you experimented with educational classes, and can report an immense moral effect even upon hardened offenders. Instead of the words which might in the past have been inscribed over prison portals, "All hope abandon ye who enter here," Hull has substituted the motto, "Men may rise on the stepping-stones of their dead selves to higher things." That is good. JOHN BULL.

To Sir HARRY BRITTAIN, M.P.,
House of Commons.

DEAR SIR HARRY,—Your zeal for the protection of ill-treated birds and animals is altogether admirable, and I am glad to see that you have succeeded in waking up the House of Commons to a sense of its duty. Perhaps a little later on you will turn your attention to the even worse cruelties which masquerade as "sport," such as rabbit-coursing in confined spaces and the hunting to death of carted deer. Public opinion is ripe for the prohibition of these barbarous practices.
JOHN BULL.

THE BAIT

GRAND NATIONAL EXPENDITURE

Straight from the Shoulder

MAJOR COLFOX, M.P.:—"Why should we pay heed to the needs of any country but our own?"
Try life on nothing but British products and find out.

LORD SHAW OF DUNFERMLINE:—"The time is quickly coming when frontiering by forts and cannon will be an anachronism."
The time is here.

DR. SCHOFIELD:—"For all marriages I prefer Darby and Joan to Romeo and Juliet."
But—Darby and Joan had a house.

SIR HERBERT NIELD, M.P.:—"The success of Socialism is due to its sleepless activity."
And the nonsense talked by muddle-headed politicians on the opposite side.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE:—"Only the spiritual nature of man can be triumphant."
Why don't you embody your belief in foreign policy?

SIGNOR MUSSOLINI:—"Legions are better than constituencies."
Naturally. It's constituencies that turn down dictators.

J. RAMSAY MACDONALD, M.P.:—"Humour is the one safety-valve of diplomacy."
Then why don't you display a little?

Without Fear or Favour

THE CAULDRON OF HATE

Nearing the End

THE nearer we come to the day when the poisoning of food will be a legal crime, the louder become the wails of anguish from those whose profits depend on this traffic.

We remain entirely unmoved. Not even Sir William Pope, who calmly asserts that the subject of food preservation is "a pleasant browsing-ground for the crank and the faddist," can induce us to shed a single tear for the food-poisoner.

If to desire pure food is to be a crank and a faddist, then we are quite willing to be so described.

We shall not relax our efforts until the campaign for unpoisoned food which we have so long waged is brought to a successful conclusion.

"The Ministry of Health," asserts the *Morning Post*, "with a daring disregard of public opinion, seems to be going too far."

We suggest that if the Duke of Northumberland listens to the people who are at present compelled to eat poisoned food, instead of paying so much heed to those whose interests are at stake, he will speedily change his opinion.

There never was a campaign that found more favour with the public than our campaign to ensure that the people should have pure food to eat.

The Ministry of Health is doing a service to the nation by pursuing to the death what the *Morning Post* chooses to call "the mysterious bogey that is alleged to be poisoning the food of the people."

In its efforts it can be assured of our support up to the full limits of our power. For, unlike the Duke of Northumberland, we attach a vast importance to a healthy, virile and unpoisoned nation.

Said Spider to Fly

THAT fatal spirit of compromise is endangering the possibilities of cornering the moneylenders. The Bill introduced by Lord Carson is but a partial remedy for the Shylock evil; because it is partial, there is every reason to anticipate that the moneylending fraternity will have no difficulty in discovering the loop-holes for escape.

Moneylending is quite an honourable profession, as any bank or assurance society proves. Like most other honourable enterprises it has been prostituted.

There are one or two moneylending concerns on our "White List"; their chief virtue is that they never camouflage the terms of their business.

Moneylenders must be forced to state, in specific terms, the maximum rate of interest they charge for their services. "From £5 to £50,000 on your note of hand" is only the alluring invitation of spider to fly. But all flies would be fly enough to avoid the web if the invitation were accompanied with the statement that "300 per cent. interest is charged."

Parliament must introduce legislation to limit interest to 25 per cent.; this is not exorbitant in view of the fact that pawnbrokers are allowed by law to trade on this basis, although their risk is covered by tangible securities.

Revise the Peace Treaty!

THE dictated treaty of Versailles not only did not make Peace, but actually sowed the seeds of further wars. There should be a round-table conference, and a frank endeavour to secure an agreed settlement.

WHATEVER else the Budget may contain, it is now certain that increased expenditure on all the fighting forces will be proposed.

It is likely that some five or six millions more will be required for the Army, Navy and Air Force: later, there will be supplementary estimates for new construction in the Navy; finally, as the years pass, the colossal and provocative folly of Singapore will become an increasing burden on the taxpayer.

The Rt. Hon. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Mankind has always been deluded by the fable that immense armaments ensure peace; always the false security of dictated treaties has blinded the eyes of statesmen to hard facts.

Why do statesmen so persistently refuse to learn the lessons of history?

From the year 1496 B.C. to 1861 A.D.—in 3,357 years—there were 227 years of peace and 3,130 years of war, or thirteen years of war to every year of peace.

Within the last three centuries there have been 286 wars in Europe.

From 1500 B.C. to 1860 A.D. more than 8,000 treaties of peace were concluded. All of them were meant to remain in force for ever. The average time they remained in force was two years!

We do not think it necessary to go far in search of the reason. Practically every treaty that has ever concluded a war has been a dictated settlement, the terms of which have never been brought to the test of agreement.

SO it was with the Treaty of Versailles. The past six years, with their talk of "protocols," "alliances," "treaties" and "pacts," have merely presented a sorry record of statesmen striving desperately to find friends who will stand by them when the day of reckoning comes.

They know—none better—that peace was not made at Versailles. They know that nothing was done save to sow over the whole of Europe the seeds of hatred and revenge that must inevitably result in another explosion.

Why do they stubbornly refuse to revise the Versailles Treaty on the basis of mutual agreement?

When the late President Wilson laid down his famous principle of "open covenants, openly arrived at," he alone among statesmen saw the clear road to the abolition of war.

Secret diplomacy, negotiations in dark corners and behind locked doors, will never bring peace.

Men who negotiate in secret are either suspicious or have something to hide.

And the statesmen of Europe have indeed something to hide. If the peoples of Europe knew what was being done in their name they would rise in their wrath and sweep to oblivion those who are dreaming of war.

WHAT is the good of worrying about housing, pensions, social reform of any kind, if the main business of the Government is to be the piling-up of armaments, the forming of military alliances, the sedulous laying of a train of powder that at any moment may ignite and complete the destruction of an already tottering civilisation?

A new Disarmament Conference is practically assured. Let it be a real one for the first time in the history of the world.

Let statesmen of all countries place their cards on the table. Let us have done with secrecy and suspicion, "aims" and "aspirations," and let us come down to hard facts.

European civilisation can only be saved by a co-operative effort to abolish war.

Frankness, "open covenants, openly arrived at," is the only way.

In the name of the people we demand that this shall be done.

Work for All

WE have never pretended to like the "dole." At best it was a temporary expedient to relieve a situation that had become highly critical. At worst, it is a machine for turning out an army of hopeless and demoralised unemployables.

There is no doubt that it has long since been diverted from its real object. It has become a system riddled with abuses, reeking with waste, and a direct incentive to idleness.

To-day the unemployed are dividing into two classes—those who are genuinely in receipt of unemployment pay, towards the cost of which they contributed when at work, and those who have never worked, and who never will work so long as they can draw a weekly payment for remaining idle.

For the first class we have nothing but sympathy: for the second—those to whom the "dole" is indeed a dole—we have nothing but distaste.

Nationally, the problem has assumed proportions of the utmost gravity. Men and women are being paid not to work.

What are the remedies? First and foremost, a searching enquiry into the whole administration of the system of unemployment benefits.

Secondly, the immediate establishment of a sound and comprehensive scheme of All-in Insurance.

And the Government must cease to tinker with the unemployment problem. As, during the war, the national credit was used to ensure perfect destruction, so let it be used now to re-equip industry and reorganise the nation.

Meanwhile, work for thousands can be found by a stroke of the pen. Nothing more is needed than to unlock the land now lying idle and make it productive.

A Test Scratched

RECENTLY, there came from America a famous medium named Valiantine. The marvels—and the truth—of spiritualism were at last to be demonstrated in a manner that would convince even the most sceptical doubting Thomas.

Very properly it was arranged that a series of tests, extending over a month, should be held under the auspices of the Society for Psychical Research at their own headquarters.

But there will be no tests. Monsieur the medium has announced that they are "off."

He and his sponsors do not like the official nature of these tests. They do not like their scientific aspect. They fight shy of the proposals for eliminating any possibility of trickery.

It is very strange to watch medium after medium work miracles at private seances, only to fade silently away the moment strictly scientific test conditions are mentioned.

The pity of it is that the world is waiting, and waiting anxiously, for some definite, unassailable evidence of survival after death.

Valiantine—so he says—has that proof. It is all the more tragic that he will not produce it.

M. Herriot, the French Premier, who holds the key to the future Peace of Europe.

Let's All Hang Together

THE fierce pursuit of pleasure, repudiation of all decency and tradition, stench of the charnel-house that comes from the law-courts, and frantic selfishness are shattering the whole social fabric. Mr. Gardiner points the way to reform

by A. G. GARDINER

A CORRESPONDENT writes to me, expressing agreement with last week's analysis of what is wrong with us, but asking "Can you now tell us how the disease is to be cured?" That is a much more difficult matter, and if I attempt to reply it will be understood that I pretend to be no more authority on the subject than anybody has who spends much of his time in studying the barometer of things.

The point of my article last week was that the disease was not material but moral. I did not mean by that that many of the causes of the present discontents are not removable by wise statesmanship and policy. They obviously are.

If we can get Europe really established on a peace-footing, for example, many of our internal problems will be solved or put in the way of solution. A healthy condition of world trade would blow the clouds from our domestic sky.

France and Germany united

For this reason, I think that the most urgent thing, from the point of view of our own self-interest, is that British policy should be directed to bringing France and Germany together. The feud between those two countries is the thing that keeps the world in high fever, and there will never be a normal pulse until that feud is healed.

There are some people who think that an understanding between France and Germany would be a misfortune for us, and that it would lead to a great combination against British interests.

I believe that view to be entirely mistaken. It would be as sensible to suppose that the village grocer would be benefited if the village draper and the village bootmaker reduced each other to bankruptcy to satisfy a domestic vendetta. The grocer would not be a gainer, but a loser, by the impoverishment of his customers, and we, also, have everything to win, and nothing to lose, by the friendship and prosperity of our neighbours.

No contentment in slums

An Anglo-Franco-German friendship within the League of Nations would make Europe as peaceful a continent as North America, and, incidentally, it would restore our trade, get rid of the competition in armaments and reduce our taxation proportionately.

On these entirely interested grounds alone we ought heartily to support Mr. Chamberlain's idea of bringing France and Germany together, with the blessing and co-operation of England. If that is done, it will be the greatest stroke of good business ever wrought for this country. That is one direction in which policy can help us.

Or take the case of housing. I do not think it is realised how much of the discontent and resentment of the time is caused by the homeless condition of multitudes of the working people. You cannot breed a spirit of contentment in slums. It is against human nature not to revolt against the denial of the elementary needs of life.

Don't suppose that this is a question affecting a few great cities only. It is a question affecting every city and every hamlet. Only a few days ago I saw in the papers a case from Reading which revealed the fact that in one house of five rooms there were five families living—one in each room.

Let your mind play around all that this signifies—all the functions of birth and life and death of a whole family going on in a single room; remember that this is no exception, but a commonplace of the life of millions, and you will not fail to realise that until this terrific social evil is dealt with unrest must and should continue. That is another direction in which policy can do much.

Turn over new leaf

But while this is so, I do not think we shall get to the real root of the business until we realise that what we are suffering from is a moral ailment even more than a material one. It is for that reason that Mr. Baldwin's speech in the debate on the trade union levy was so important.

It showed that he realised that we are all alike to blame, that we have all sinned, and that we need to turn over a new leaf, make a new beginning, and let the dead past bury its dead. We want a change of heart and a change of outlook, even more than a change of economics.

The economics will soon adjust themselves if the spirit is right. But the spirit to-day is wrong, and no wise material remedy can be born of it. The fierce pursuit of pleasure, the repudiation of all the decencies and traditions that hold society together, the stench of the charnel-house that comes from the law courts, the scorn of social duties and social responsibilities, the frantic selfishness that prevails everywhere—these things are shattering the whole moral sense that alone holds the social fabric in being. That cement of morality and mutual interdependence must be restored if the structure is to stand. We must all hang together if we do not wish to hang separately.

I do not believe in a violent convulsion. If I thought that Bolshevism would give us a better world I would support Mr. Cook, but I know that this rough surgery only creates more evils than it destroys. Let us keep an open mind by all means to all theories and all doctrines that touch the organisation of life and human relationship; but do not let us suppose that a new economic machine will bring in the millenium.

The remedy for our ills will not be found in breaking the crockery, but in civilising our relationships and re-establishing society on a basis of peace and mutual helpfulness instead of on a basis of war and mutual destruction. We must recover a public opinion that will make the infamies of the rotten society that are being exposed to-day an insult that will not be tolerated.

We must set before ourselves steadily, as the inspiration of policy, the maxim that the only wealth is life, and that the condition of the people is the true problem of Government.

That condition will not be improved by such a profligate policy as the distribution of outdoor relief on a colossal scale. That only demoralises character and creates the false and perilous notion that there is a vast reservoir of riches out of which anybody can live without labour.

Opportunities for all

It is not by these expedients that we shall restore the morale of society, or silence the preachers of revolution. We shall only do that by showing that we stand for a just society in which, whatever its economic system, the prime concern is not the interests of wealth but the interests of life, in which every child has its chance and every worker is assured of a home, and in which the common interest of all is the governing principle.

If Mr. Baldwin can create a moral revolution in society on these lines we shall have no need to fear a social revolution, for if the spirit of the nation is right economic reforms will not be wrong.

SHOULD A DO

Our contributor deals in his own way with this widely debated prob em,

IF you have ever seen a child, or any being that you loved more than yourself, writhing and tossing in the agony of an incurable disease, you must have felt the wish that you could end the torment by merciful bestowal of some swift "death-speeding gear."

Alex. M. Thompson.

Twice in my life I have known the anguish of that desire, and under its influence I have thought that human law should surely make concession to this natural, instinctive, and humane feeling—that, in cases of suffering beyond hope of cure, power should be entrusted to some reliable authority to make an end of the tragedy.

But at other times, in a mood of less emotional stress, I have realised the practical difficulties of this theoretically desirable consummation.

In the first place, we obviously must dismiss the possibility of granting such judicial power of life and death to the individual discretion of any relative or any interested person.

A hysterical wife or mother, shaken out of reason by the suffering of her baby or a well-beloved husband, could not be allowed to decide the vital issue and carry out the sentence.

The husband tired of his wife, the lover "between two fires," the potential heir impatient of enjoyment, would all discover chances of justification for carefully deliberated murder. Clearly, the law must not grant discretionary power to the pity or greed of interested individuals.

Recent examples have given point and proof to that argument. There was the case of the lady in France who killed her lover because, she said, he had entreated her to put an end to his misery. She killed him with a weapon which he himself had provided. She took it from under his pillow while he was asleep. Had his desire to die been so keen that he could not bear to live, he could have ended his pain at any time with his own hand.

A severe love-test

The theory of the lady's defence was that he preferred to impose upon her, the woman he loved, the responsibility and awful distress of killing him. The impressionable French jury accepted the lady's explanation and acquitted her.

Within a week another case occurred where a woman had killed her sister because she could not bear to see her linger in pain. We have since had a similar case in England. If we consent to make "killing no murder" wherever personal im-

Are Posters Indecent?

WHILE we take no exception to the tone of this article, we entirely disagree with our contributor on his facts. Our hoardings, in our opinion, are the cleanest in the world. His article, therefore, must be taken as expressing nothing but his own personal views

by "A GENTLEMAN WITH A DUSTER"

The Bishop of London, who has the City's moral welfare at heart.

On a recent walk through the streets of London, I was struck by the number of pictorial advertisements which address themselves to the lower nature of man. One could not go many paces without encountering a picture which either flagrantly or sneakingly leered at the population with a sexual suggestion.

There can be no two opinions about these advertisements. Anyone who chooses to say of them, "To the pure all things are pure," proclaims himself either a fool or a hypocrite. They are indecent pictures. They are pictures which must offend both the eye of taste and the soul of goodness. Yet they appear all over London, and are accepted by the people of London without a protest of any kind.

What must we infer from such a fact? Not that London is abandoned to vulgarity, not that all the citizens of London are stricken with the modern disease of sexual preoccupation; but that those responsible for the spiritual and intellectual life of our Imperial Capital feel themselves helpless to do their manifest duty.

Juvenile curiosity

They are shocked; they are perturbed; they are even afraid; but the tide is too strong for them, and while they look helplessly on they are swept away with those who are dead to religion, and those who are altogether indifferent to the higher life of mankind.

One aspect of this matter seems to escape their contemplation, and I draw attention to it in the hope that when they have considered it, they will bestir themselves to a more manful and high-spirited discharge of their manifest duty.

The streets of London are thronged not only by the coarse and the base, and not only by the cynical and the jaded, but by sweetness and innocence. Wherever a man may look in London he will see children passing through those streets, and with their young eyes as greedy for pictures as for anything exciting in shopwindows.

For every grown man and woman who merely throw a casual and inattentive look at pictorial advertisements, there are a hundred children who, naturally, stare at them with passionate curiosity, with all the wonder and excitement of a new adventure, and who think about them long afterwards.

Next generation will suffer

Now, it is obvious that such pictures as those I am writing about must provoke in a child's mind thoughts which are thoroughly bad for its health, both moral and physical. It is quite likely that these pictures do little harm to grown-up people, except in the case of those who are far advanced in sexual corruption, and those unhappy ones whose peace of mind and wholesomeness of soul are at the sport of every evil suggestion; but it is impossible to maintain that pictures so gross, so impudently indecent, and so flagrantly suggestive, do not awaken in a child's open and unbusied mind a wonder and a curiosity which must absolutely besmirch its innocence.

How serious this must be for the next generation every physician will declare; but how great is the spiritual crime of those who allow such offences to come, and who accept them without even a murmur of protest when they do come, has not yet struck the public mind with any sharpness of reality.

Yet we know that the gentlest and sweetest Spirit that ever appeared on this earth warned men in language of a most extreme severity that there is no sin in the world greater than the corruption of a child's mind.

It is better never to have been born at all, never to have tasted the enchanting cup of self-conscious existence, never to have heard the singing of birds, never to have seen either the ocean or the starlit sky, never to have known the inexpressible miracle of personality, better to have been always dead, than to put one little child on the road of evil.

I do not suppose that this tremendous warning occurs to men who paint these pictures, or to those who cunningly make use of them to advertise their wares in the public streets; but, surely, it is a thought which should always be uppermost in the minds of men who have no other duty in life than to safeguard the goodness of London and to promote its spiritual welfare.

Children and cocktails

If we are putting children on a road which physical science declares to be dangerous and unnatural, and which ordinary commonsense and natural decency must condemn as disgusting and horrible, how can we expect that the civilisation of man's soul shall continue in this country to pursue a course worthy of its past and wholesome for its future? One might as well train an athlete in the atmosphere of a cabaret, or feed a baby with cocktails.

With one hand we are looking after the physical health of children, teaching them the care of their teeth, the value of fresh air, the uses of vigorous exercise, and the importance of diet; but with the other hand we are leading these same children to a sewer of moral putrefaction and inviting them to bend over it and to inhale into their young souls the breath of corruption and the germs of death.

In spite of all the virtue in London, and all the sweetness, all the unselfishness and all the tender loving-kindness, its mass-suggestion is becoming decisively and shamelessly evil. In some way there is reeking into its pure and generous air a miasma of iniquity which clouds all the goodness, and smells only of the sty and the stable.

Virtue a worn-out hobby

One feels in the streets of London that religion is dead, that virtue is nothing more than an ancient fashion or an outworn hobby, and that to be frankly selfish, candidly trivial, and shamelessly animal is now the sole impulse at the back of its once honourable civilisation.

Such an atmosphere may be suitable enough for the charnel-house of cynic, sensualist, and perverted beast, and may well act as the final suffocation of an expiring empire; but who will say that it is a fit and wholesome atmosphere for the nursery of those little ones whose angels do always behold the face of their Father in heaven?

No sign of the times is to me more alarming than the spiritual indifference and the moral irresponsibility of the present generation towards those who are growing up to carry on the work of English civilisation.

It looks as if they have lost the fighting instinct, without which there can be no victory for the little flock of goodness, which has ever been far outnumbered by the forces of evil. The salt of the earth, it seems, is losing its savour.

TOR KILL?

by ALEXANDER M. THOMPSON ("Dangle")

pulse to kill has been proved, we shall certainly find a short way to abolish capital punishment.

Then there is the other possibility—the licence to doctors to kill. Of course, it would be hedged round with all sorts of safeguards. No individual practitioner would be allowed to sentence a patient to death on his own initiative.

The patient's torture

The dreadful business would have to be done with as much formality and care as a judicial trial for murder. There would have to be exhaustive inquiry, repeated examination of the patient by many experts, medical argument, reference to precedents, protracted delay, and a final decision as solemn as the putting-on of the black cap by a judge at assizes.

Meantime—just think—what would the patient be doing? If a law were passed to legalise medical murder it would be universally advertised by Parliamentary debate. Every sufferer from tuberculosis, or cancer, would know all about it. They would know, while waiting for the next dose of medicine, or the next cup of beef tea, that it might contain DEATH. Think of it.

The criminal sentenced to death knows when the end is to come. It won't be to-day; it won't be this week. The actual wrench, the immediate contact with the problem of problems, is definitely deferred; the time is fixed, there is no possibility of a sudden call to extinction.

But to the physically emaciated, mentally-broken sufferer on his or her bed of sickness, what would the doctor's licence mean? Instead of one death, the patient would suffer all its terrors every time a doctor or nurse entered the room. Silence would be an agony of dread. Every footstep would be a harbinger of doom. Every drink, every scrap of food, every drop of healing or soothing benefaction, would bear the seeming of possible murder. Why, such pretended kindness would be worse than the worst of death sentences.

Leave it to the sufferer

No, there is only one possible way of helping the sufferer from agonising and incurable disease. The decision must be left to the patient. If authoritative and disinterested experts have decided that there is no possibility of cure, let what Hamlet calls the "quietus"—the morphia, cocaine, or heroin be placed within visible reach of the sufferer. The only person entitled to choose is the person who bears the pain.

But, whatever the law, humane doctors will still stretch their consciences to be kind. If they cannot administer medicines to kill, they may withhold medicines that only prolong agony. I have known that done. My most charitable wish is that it may be done increasingly.

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WHY FEAR DEATH?

Robbing the Inevitable of its Terrors

by **Professor CHARLES RICHET** *(Author of "Idiot Man")**

DEATH is the most commonplace event of life; therefore, man ought to be resigned to it. It is utterly stupid to rebel against the inevitable, and yet man does not resign himself. Death is to him a source of ridiculous fears and degrading customs.

If common-sense regulated the movements of our poor thinking machine, death could only inspire in us feelings of affectionate sympathy. We should treat it, at least in relation to ourselves, as a strong and benign friend.

To regret life you must be alive. When you are dead you will no longer be in a state to regret anything; neither flowers, nor women, nor wine, or that gold for which you have made so many vain sacrifices.

What will it matter if famine, pestilence and war unchain their wrath against the living? You, lying in a comfortable grave, will sleep soundly, neither dreaming nor snoring.

Swooning at death

All the strife of men and all the bolts of heaven will thunder vainly round your grave; they will be powerless to make you feel anything, and you will continue to enjoy sound sleep.

Why then be afraid of death? Is it because, by some extraordinary chance, your ephemeral existence has been so cloudless and delightful that you swoon at the bare idea of losing it?

You will answer that you are not so frightened of death as of dying—to pass from life to death, to take the great leap. We picture it as terrible. But no, it's not very terrible, it's very simple. You go to sleep. That is all.

Nevertheless, from time immemorial, and in all countries, man has spent his ingenuity in devising for himself fantastic stories about the hereafter.

Our common fear of death is, therefore, appallingly stupid. But it would be idle to fight against it, as it is less reason than instinct. And this instinct is justified, since every living being should be possessed by the fear of death in order to make the best of life. All the more so because it is not only our own death to which we ought to be indifferent, but the death of those we love.

Professor Richet

Never having been able to resign himself to death—I don't know why—man has always tried, by a thousand silly subterfuges, to persuade himself that he is not going to die.

In all traditions and in all religions, an inexplicable and childish sentiment recurs—the reverence for corpses. To profane a grave; to violate a sepulchre; to mutilate the dead—these are abominable crimes which man has ever abhorred.

But this abhorrence is coupled with an unbridled and unthinking materialism. For, in the imagination of all men there is a naive confusion between that lifeless clay, ripe for corruption, and the soul which once animated it and gave it thought, movement and sight.

Absurd veneration

For my part, at the risk of being shunned as a pariah by my contemporaries, I confess that I am utterly indifferent to the dead bodies of those who were dear to me. I piously preserve the most insignificant portraits and the most trivial letters of my father and mother; I cherish tenderly the memory of their words, gestures and embraces. But I pay no attention whatever to what was once their bodies.

The veneration which we lavish on this earthly garment is as disgusting as that of a celebrated invalid whose leg had been cut off. After the amputation the foot was carefully kept embalmed, and displayed on a velvet cushion.

Do men, perhaps, think to escape the pain of no longer existing by having themselves enclosed in a luxurious triple coffin of lead, mahogany and oak? What madness; what baseness underlies this conception of the human being!

Painful cremation

Yet it would be quite simple to light a huge log and to resolve into water and carbonic acid the organic matter which once constituted the human being while still animated by the tiny flame of life.

But a vague fear, born of childish stupidity, seizes us that flames will shrivel our dead flesh; and so we shrink from cremation as if it were painful.

When a poor wretch is in the throes of death and neither his doctor nor his heirs have the slightest hope of his recovery, they hardly try to alleviate his suffering; but they make a pretence of believing that they can save him.

Why not soothe his last moments with serenity and peace? Why not give him morphia to restore some show of strength, and let him pass away in a dim, half-conscious dream; so that, perchance, he may be able to converse with his friends.

Man cannot boast of his intelligence until he knows how to contrive a serene death. I should like the dying man, lying on his bed, his pain soothed by strong narcotics, to talk smilingly of his approaching end.

**Translated by Norah Forsythe and Lloyd Harvey.*

THE UNMARRIED WIFE

Tied to an Epileptic for Life

by **PHILIP INMAN**

THE unmarried wife — what a paradox it seems, but what a problem it is. I am thinking of the woman bound legally and morally to a man who, from various causes, has ceased to be a husband to her.

In my hospital experiences I have just come across a tragic instance. Separated from "her man," not with his consent or by her desire, this woman, still in the prime of life, is left to plough a lonely furrow. A cruel and malign fate has deprived her of a husband's comradeship, and has led to the severing of that most sacred of all marriage bonds, "to cleave one to the other till death us do part."

Let me tell a little of the history which underlies this tragic story.

The man is a sufferer from one of the most cruel and cowardly diseases known to medical science—he is an epileptic. Forty-nine years of age, life has lost all its glamour and fascination, and has become for him a ghastly nightmare. To use a colloquialism, he is thoroughly and absolutely fed up—and no wonder!

A raving maniac

For over twenty years he has been afflicted with this dreadful disease. It came on suddenly and without any warning. How it originated there is no clue. At first the attacks were mild in character and infrequent in number. They would pass away in a few minutes. As time went on he gradually got worse. Now the disease has such a hold upon him that sometimes he has as many as twenty fits in one day. When under their influence he is a raving maniac.

Up to a month ago this man lived with his wife and three children in a London suburb. For eighteen years he has not been able to do a day's work, and the woman has had to be breadwinner and homekeeper during all that time.

The woman's part

That she has played her part, and played it well, is evidenced by her devotion to her invalid husband and by the upbringing of her three children, who are now her only comfort in the dark days through which she is passing.

What of the man himself? For over ten years he has been confined to one room. He cannot go out for fear an attack should seize him. Deprived of every pleasure, debarred from any recreation, cut off from the companionship of friends, his existence is worse than that of any hermit. Every morning that dawns makes him wonder what the day is to hold for him.

Yet there have been alternating periods of light and shade. When the attack has exhausted itself, sanity and sensibility return, and for the time being the man is perfectly normal. Devoted to his wife and children, he would, under ordinary conditions, have made an ideal husband and father.

Just a month ago the crisis came. One night there was sitting with him in his room his youngest child, a girl of twelve, reading quietly by the fire. Without the slightest warning he rushed at her and grabbed hold of her throat.

But for the intervention of his wife, who paid for it with two black eyes and a nasty gash on her face, the child undoubtedly would have been strangled. Even as it is, there are marks on her throat which will be seen for many a day.

A pathetic plea

The strange thing about it is that, when the man recovers himself, he has no idea that anything amiss has taken place. After that attack the doctor insisted on his removal to an institution. It was heartbreaking to see him taken away. To-day, he lies in the mental wards of a London infirmary. Dressed in his workhouse garb, he looks the picture of abject misery.

When his wife went to see him he asked plaintively, "What have I done to be brought here? Oh, please take me home again"—a pathetic plea, but an impossible one to gratify.

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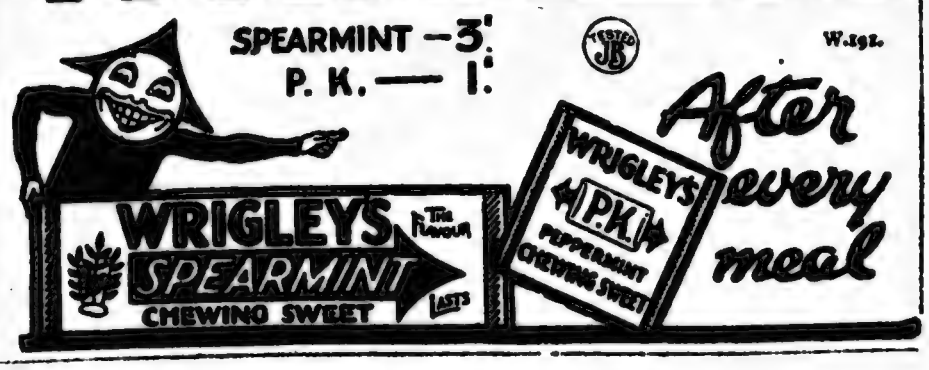

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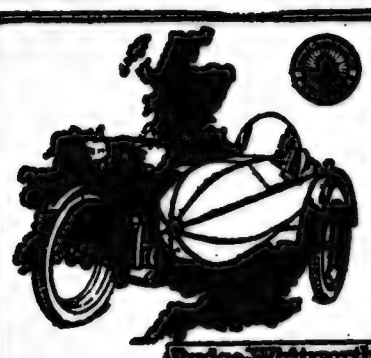

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by EDWARD COULTER

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THE Weir house is only a shack. Right enough as a temporary makeshift on a newly-opened goldfield or behind war-time trenches, but not as a house for people really to live in. The "good makeshift" claim is being made for the steel houses by some who are shy about saying anything more for them. But regarded merely as makeshifts they will turn out a poor proposition.

Lord Weir.

Houses of the shell type, consisting of a frame of wood sheathed on the outside with light steel and lined on the inside with some form of composite sheathing, cannot in England take the place of a brick or concrete structure. They will be extremely uncomfortable, too noisy, too damp, too cold.

The Weir house won't be durable enough to be worth while. It's life will be about half that of an ordinary house. The whole thing will be slightly framed and its plates will be liable to corrosion. Especially will the thin inside lining be affected by ordinary wear and tear. The furniture will bump holes in it. The feet of children will go through it.

THIS type of house does not lend itself to more than a one-floor elevation. It is not weighty enough to stand strong winds when more than one storey in height. This means that to build any number of these houses will require a great deal of land—double the quantity on which an equal number of people could live in brick or concrete houses. From an economic point of view this is important.

In the case of a steel house the cost of upkeep will be about double that of a brick house. It will need more heating. The whole of the outside of the house will have to be painted at frequent intervals to keep it in fair condition. If this is not done in this climate the walls will rust badly. The fire risk, too, will be greater, and the cost of insurance will be heavier.

It is argued in favour of the steel houses that they can be built largely by unskilled labour. It will be found, however, that there is not much in this. The Weir house is to have brick or concrete foundations which only skilled labour can lay. It must have brick or concrete fireplaces and chimneys to each room which only skilled labour can erect. The framing of the timber skeleton can only be done by skilled labour. Whether any but skilled workmen can put the frame together satisfactorily is doubtful. The roofing must certainly be done by skilled labour. And for plumbing, draining, lighting, glazing and painting skilled labour will be required.

THE trump card of the steel house is its alleged cheapness. As a matter of fact the only possible economy is in the walls. Roof, floors, doors, windows and fittings will cost the same in both. The walls of the steel house will take less time and cost less than brick walls—though, as bricklayers have to be employed for the foundations, fireplaces and chimneys, the saving is not as great as is supposed. Also it has to be borne in mind that the walls in any house only represent one-quarter at most of the total cost.

But admitting its somewhat dearer walls, the brick house, in the matter of prices, isn't routed in confusion from the field. For any saving on the walls of the one-floor, one-to-a-block-of-land steel house will be gobbled up time and again by the extra land costs, road charges, and costs of reticulation of water, gas and sewerage which must prevail in the spread-out steel house suburb.

A two-storey brick house can be built on 20 ft. of land, is charged with 20 ft. of road, and requires 20 ft. of service pipes. A one-floor house of the shell type requires 30 ft. of land, and to its price there are added the costs of 10 ft. more land, 10 ft. more road, and 10 ft. more reticulation services.

NO, take it any way you like, the steel house is not a good proposition. That Lord Weir's intentions are good I have not the slightest doubt. But England just now wants houses—houses worth building and suitable to make homes in. I am certain that Mr. Neville Chamberlain is as anxious to carry into effect some sort of scheme to provide the people with houses as he is ignorant of what it is like actually to live in the kind of house he proposes to provide. One wintry night spent in one of these steel shacks would freeze to death his faith in his present supplementary housing policy.

To sum up, I hope the Weir scheme will not go far before England sees a much better way.

The Sentence of the Court

Dr. Jonah

Down-in-the-mouth Dean

by E. GARRY ALLIGHAN

CHARGED with causing grievous bodily harm to the public to whom, by his mournful manner and wearying words, he had given attacks of melancholia, Dean Inge pleaded not guilty.

"... the defendant gets on his hind legs he makes the atmosphere gloomy," began Mr. Watchdog, K.C. "He has made pessimism a virtue and given himself astigmatism by always looking on the dark side. If he succeeded in only making himself bilious the case would not be so serious, but he is now trying to cause the whole Empire to become jaundiced."

THE JUDGE: "Has the defendant been examined by the prison doctor?"

COUNSEL: "Not yet, my lord. It might be found necessary, in order to protect the public from being inoculated with the same germ of bitterness, to have a surgical operation performed so that his spirit of gloom should not become infectious to the rest of the public. If defendant's profession causes him to be a Biblical student, there is no reason why he should imitate the example of that Biblical character, Jonah, who is notorious as having become 'down in the mouth.'

"His latest manifestation of his disease is his statement that 'the Labour movement has had the effect of arresting the material prosperity of the country,' and that as a result we have reached a 'hopeless position.' This is pessimism of the deepest dye. And the public is forced to find medicine for the bad spirits he induces in spirits of a more exhilarating—nay, intoxicating—nature."

MR. STRAWSPLITTER argued that his client's profession called for "warnings and groanings that cannot be uttered." As Jeremiah of old, he must speak of the desolations of his day.

"The case appears to be departing from the realms of the legal to those of the ecclesiastical," said Mr. Justice Bull, "but if the defendant bases his case on Biblical grounds I must point out, on the same authority, that his function in life is to 'pour out the oil of happiness' and to apply 'the balm of Gilead.' I sentence him to be detained in a house filled with joyous people during his Majesty's pleasure."

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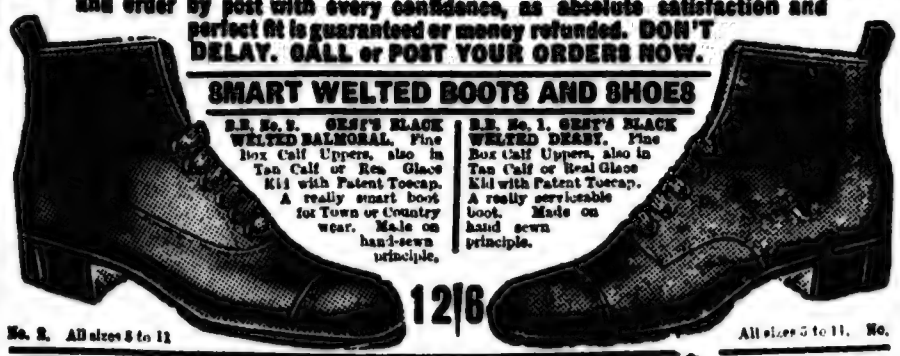

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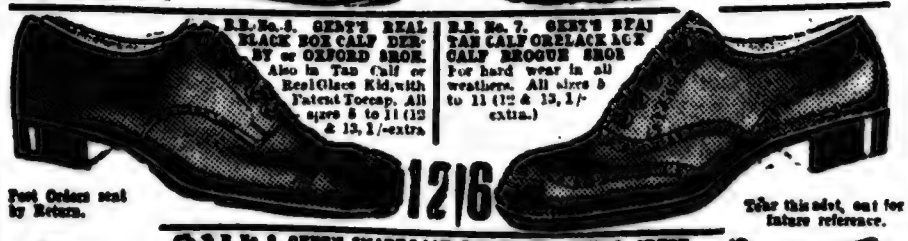

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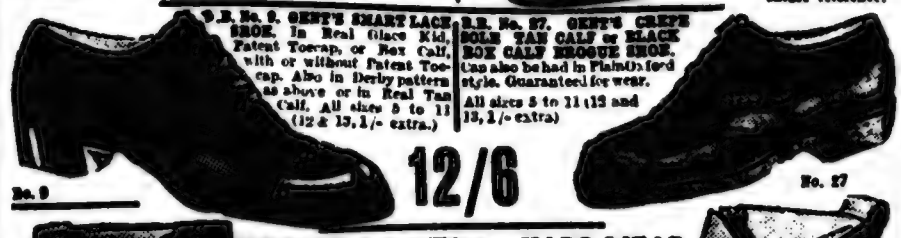

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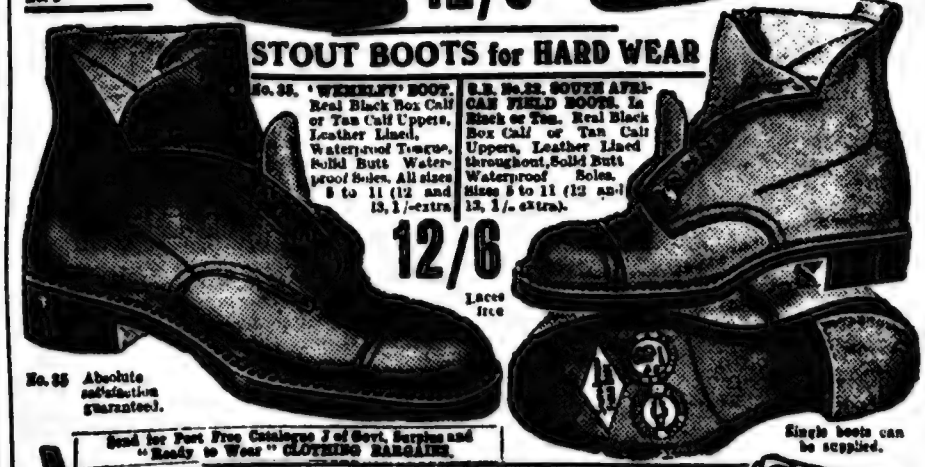

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Words Winged to Woman.

Women and Children First

by Commandant MARY S. ALLEN, O.B.E.

IN this day, when so many women are enfranchised, when women may enter without challenge practically every profession, it is strange that it should be necessary to plead for public recognition of the need for women police. Yet it is idle to deny that great differences of opinion exist on the subject.

Not even every woman understands the need of women police; certainly there are still many local authorities who need convincing. Most people who object to women police do so from misconception. Some of these wrong ideas I will try to remove.

First, then, it cannot be too strongly emphasised that the women police are an addition, not a rival, to the police force. It is in no sense a criticism of the way men police have carried out their duties. Nor need men feel the slightest alarm lest women should be appointed as their substitutes. Such a result would be entirely contrary to all that has been advocated by the leaders of the movement. It would be contrary to the best interests of all.

THE duties of women police are definitely specialised. They undertake all duties connected with women and children. It is intended that sympathy and helpfulness shall be the keynotes of their service. How urgent is the case for fuller employment of women can easily be understood by those who will make a serious study of the statistics relating to child assault.

The first recommendation of the committee appointed by Mr. Arthur Henderson to review the case for women police runs as follows:—"That every police authority shall provide, as far as possible, for the statements of women and children, when sexual crimes are in question, being taken by police women."

Who, in the name of decency and humanity, could quarrel with that resolution? Yet it will be nothing more than an expression of pious opinion unless women all over the country combine to insist upon it being carried out.

Commandant Mary S. Allen, O.B.E.

As a case in point, it may be remembered that quite recently at Southport the Chief Constable requested all women to leave the court while evidence was being taken in a serious case of child assault.

It is almost incredible that such a thing should be possible to-day. Yet it is not an isolated case. It certainly is a proof that there is still a good deal of ground to be gained before the battle for children's rights is won.

AGAIN, it is sometimes suggested that the presence of uniformed women patrolling a town gives the impression that much immorality is rife in that particular place, especially if it be a pleasure resort. This view is ridiculous. Where women and girls pass to and fro, on either business or pleasure, occasions will arise where they need police help. To whom can they more suitably apply than to a woman?

Already such work as the safeguarding of young persons in parks, the prevention of assaults on little children, the rescue and care of women and young girls, the inspection of common lodging-houses, the charge of women's cells in police-stations, and the taking of statements from those of tender years, has officially been allocated to women.

Splendid services have been done by men in the cause of women and children; but it is no discredit to men to insist that in all the instances enumerated the work is supremely the work for women.

NOW, what can women at large do to help? There are many practical ways in which every woman can bring home the need for more women police. Where meetings can be arranged speakers can easily be found who are able to give the truth about the whole subject and answer questions that may be asked.

Women can work hard in their different localities to convince authorities of the need for women police. They can send resolutions to the present Home Secretary asking him to bring all pressure possible on local chief constables.

Almost most important of all, they can get upon their local governing bodies women representatives who have the cause of the women and children at heart. It is hoped that the standard of women for this work will be kept high. We need for it all that is finest and best in woman.

The whole question has now become one in which all are interested. There must, therefore, be no relaxation of effort, or mistakes will be made, and the whole movement will lose the ground that has been gained.

Plight of the Widows

by Dr. CHARLES WHITELOW, M.A.

THE widowed mothers of this country have been assured from time to time, and by various political Parties, that their hard lot in endeavouring to bring up useful citizens without the assistance of a husband would be eased by the grant of a pension.

So far nothing has been done. These poor women are left to feed, clothe, educate and maintain children who will grow into men and women, and who will be expected to give their brains and their talent, and perhaps even their lives, to the service of the State.

This is an unfair and one-sided arrangement, and it is making for much human suffering. It prevents many good boys and girls from getting the education they should have; and it lowers the physical standard of our race.

So long as these widowed mothers have to struggle and scrape to keep their two or three (or more) children, so long will the same children be getting insufficient food, insufficient education, and insufficient supervision. The State loses as well as the children. It appreciates its loss only in war time, when it discovers that at heart we are a C3 nation.

IT ought to be possible for a country to look after its womenfolk placed in such a terrible position. It should be essential that such women be kept on the path of morality and freed to a great extent from anxiety. It should be essential that the children of the unhappy mothers receive proper education, and be well fed and clothed. Surely it is not asking too much from the State to protect the children who may one day have to protect the State?

You will find these women at all kinds of tasks, working late into the night in a frantic endeavour to keep body and soul together and home intact. The loss of the husband puts a woman in an unenviable position. Where there are children, her task is beyond imagination.

The neighbours are good to them; they help as much as they can; they put jobs in their way; send in some of the cold meat left over from Sunday's dinner; but these kindnesses are dependent on the individual. A woman suddenly bereft of her husband, with children to bring up, should be *sure* of assistance.

That assistance should come from the State, whose children we all are. The woman should not have that anxiety regarding the few shillings necessary to see her over the rough part. They should be assured to her until she marries again.

THE cost to the country would be small; the relief to the women, the improvement in our physical and mental condition, would be immeasurable. From my experience among all classes, I believe that legislation along these lines would do more good to the bulk of our people than all the wars we have won.

After all, a nation is its women. Look after them, secure for their children the good things that other children enjoy, and a family of the whole country is being welded together, a family that will stand together in time of trouble, and a family that will be physically fit enough to stand up to the trouble!

How to Keep Well

Exercise

by A Wimpole Street Physician

DON'T make a fetish of exercise. Don't say: "I like tennis; it's such fine exercise," and "I love dancing; it's such wonderful exercise."

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The amount of exercise that is excellent for one man may be harmful for another.

It is absurd to sit in an office all the week, and then play football hard for an hour and a half on Saturday afternoon.

If you want to play football, and enjoy it, and not do yourself harm, you must train regularly during the week.

But even training won't make you able to do everything. Some forms of exercise are only for the exceptional man.

The man who rows in the University Boat-race usually spends the rest of his life recovering from it.

Stop exercise when you cease enjoying it. Don't go on simply because you think it's doing you good: it isn't.

Don't do dumb-bell exercises in the morning because you think it's necessary.

Ten minutes' walk on the way to work will do you more good. Five minutes in the fresh air is better than half an hour in the gymnasium.

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"Now I am aware that my weakness prevents me from being all that a wife should be to her husband, but I often feel that I am not being fairly treated. On the other hand, I sometimes think that my unfortunate affliction ought to be no bar to his living the life any man of his nature would turn to. He is at home a good father and a kind husband. My advisers urge me to seek evidence for a divorce, but they forget that I have my children, my home and my livelihood to think of."

"Humanist" says:—*Don't listen to your so-called friends who try to poison your mind against your husband. Only unmistakable evidence would justify your quarrelling with a man you describe as a good father and a kind husband.*

"SIX months ago I met a girl whom I have learned to love with all my heart. Although while I am with her she responds to my love and shows every sign of deep affection, at times she has acted very strangely, and once she said, with a sigh, that she was afraid we could never be anything more than friends to each other.

Promise to the Dead

"I have not taken this very seriously up till now, for I have felt sure that our mutual love would be strong enough to overcome all obstacles. The last time we were together, however, my sweetheart seemed very sad and despondent, and when I asked what was troubling her she burst into tears and told me that we must part.

"I was very much upset, and I pressed her for an explanation.

"IT appears that some years ago she was at the bedside of a dying woman who almost with her last breath pleaded with her to promise to marry her son. Without realising all that it might involve, and overcome by the emotion inseparable from a death-bed, she gave her promise, and pledged her future to a man of whose character she knew very little.

"This man has lately declared that he intends to hold her to her word, and has impressed upon her the seriousness of breaking a promise made to the dead. She does not wish to do wrong, but she can keep her promise only by sacrificing her happiness, for she realises now that she loves me.

"I have told her that I think the man must be a poor sort indeed to insist upon the fulfilment of a promise made under such circumstances.

"She is afraid of him, for he has written to her saying that if she does not marry him he will see to it that she does not marry anyone else.

"I love her with all my heart, and, now that she has confessed that she loves me, it seems a shame that we should both be robbed of happiness in this way. What is your opinion?"

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"AT the age of fourteen I committed an insignificant crime, and was sentenced to five years detention in a reformatory. This was my first offence, but being an orphan, the judge said that he had no option but to send me to an institution.

Boyhood's Crime

"At the end of three years I was allowed to attend a business college for a year, a lady friend of mine paying my fees. After the year was up I found it very difficult to obtain a situation owing to my past life, so, in the end, the committee of the school employed me as clerk to the superintendent of the school in which I was really still an inmate. After a few months I was made an officer over the boys as well, and made rather a success of what I thought would be years of misery.

"In 1923 I went to camp with the boys at a seaside town for a fortnight. After two days I met a girl, with whom eventually I fell in love, not knowing who she was or anything about her family. She also knew nothing about me, except that I was an officer of the school and a clerk.

"After corresponding with her regularly for over a year, and visiting her fairly frequently at week-ends, I am now in an awkward predicament.

"I have told the parents that I am an orphan, but of the other I have said nothing. Should I tell about my past and chance losing the one I love?"

"Humanist" says:—*I certainly think you should tell the girl—for you have nothing to be ashamed of. You need not tell the parents—husbands and wives have secrets and so have lovers—but it would be a proper tribute of respect to them, and show that you were a man; and if they are worth while they will appreciate it. A good man ought not to suffer always for the act of a heedless orphan boy.*

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"Humanist" says: *Marrying a man to reform him is a very ill-advised procedure. But are you quite sure the man is a rotter? Relatives rarely agree about fiances, and this may be a case in point. I hope it is. Still you are doing your duty to try to guide her to see reason and act prudently.*

Black Menace

"My sweetheart, who has suddenly broken our engagement for no apparent reason, is resorting to night clubs and dance-halls with an Indian student. This man, I hear, is engaged in the white slave traffic. How can I save her?"

Whatever your suspicions or grievance, you certainly must not take the law into your own hands. You are entitled to go to the police and tell them of your fears. That is your proper procedure and the sensible course to take.

Masters and Men

"I have been many years with my present employers. The foreman and his son are neglecting their work, stealing material, and going off poaching when the bosses' backs are turned. Ought I to tell my employers? I am afraid if I do the foreman will give me the sack."

"Humanist" says:—*Keep your own counsel. You are paid to do your job, not to spy on other people. It is your masters' business to prevent neglect and pilfering, and unless they ask you for information there is no reason why you should volunteer it.*

An Unruly Boy

"My husband is one of the best, but he has a very bad temper when he is put out. Our boy of thirteen is very unruly, and I am afraid that when his father chastises him in his temper he may do him some harm and get into trouble. If I interfere it causes unpleasantness between us."

"Humanist" says: *The words of Samuel Butler (not Solomon), "Spare the rod and spoil the child," are very true, but children should never be chastised in hot blood. Ask your husband to think calmly over any punishment before administering it.*

Mistakes of Marriage

"My daughter, just seventeen, who is in a show-room, is continually in the company of one of the buyers, a married man much older than herself, who takes her out at nights and writes to her nearly every day. He tells her his marriage was a mistake and that he loves her. She thinks she is quite capable of taking care of herself, but I am very worried. Her father is dead, and her eldest brother is at sea. What can I do?"

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Boycotted by Doctors

I am astonished that such a thing as boycotting is possible in the medical profession. Surely the public at large ought to be enlightened about the marvellous surgery performed by Sir Herbert Barker. It is a scandal that a man with his knowledge should be debarred from extending his work.—*J. G. Pateman, Ipswich.*

Knocking at the Door

JOHN BULL has been hammering at the door of medical reform for years, and it is time the General Medical Council paid some attention to the murmurs of indignation among the public and among its own members. Perhaps your publication of the alleged cure for consumption will bring the Council to its feet at last.—*T. L., Brighton.*

Fair Chance Needed.

It is a crying shame that men like Sir Herbert Barker should, through petty medical etiquette, be kept as "outsiders." What right have the Medical Council to deny to crippled children a chance in life by a man who can prove his cleverness? Everybody who can do a real service to the sick and ailing should be given a fair chance.—*Justice, Leith.*

A Vicar's Tribute

I have known Sir Herbert Barker for many years, and it has been my privilege on several occasions, in course of my pastoral work, to send to him patients whom hospitals and doctors had failed to cure. In every instance they have returned permanently cured. In the case of all poor patients his work has been gratuitous.—*I. Barton Milton, Maidstone.*

Conservative Medicos

In view of the many cases that Sir Herbert Barker has benefited, it is unthinkable that his experience and skill should be lost on his retirement. The medical profession is justly conservative, but Sir Herbert's record proves that his treatment opens up a field which ought to be thoroughly explored.—*J. H. S. Lawson, Manchester.*

B.M.A. and Quacks

If Sir Herbert Barker, Mr. Kennard, and other manipulative surgeons were to start an organisation of their own, attracting to it medical students and others pledged against the knife, they would, in time, present so real a menace to the British Medical Association that doctors would want to amalgamate with the men they once described as "quacks."—*C. A., Battersea.*

Medical Council Must Unbend

The time has arrived when the General Medical Council must unbend from its present attitude. It is deplorable that men like Sir Herbert Barker, who have won fame for themselves, have never been officially recognised or sponsored by the G.M.C. The attitude of the Council regarding well-known medicos who write of their discoveries in the Press is ridiculous. With a sane Council we would have a healthy nation.—*Q. M. G., Plymouth.*

Obstacles a Crime

Surely it is a crime that any body of individuals should endeavour to prevent any means of easing or curing the ills of suffering humanity. Many years ago, when Sir Herbert Barker was less famous, he cured a relative of mine, aged sixty, of a dislocated shoulder who had been unable to obtain relief from doctors, and only recently my employer, who had spent much money on various treatments, was cured of a displaced cartilage in a few days.—*W. Scarsbrook, Wimbledon Park, S.W.*

Greedy Doctors

What could sound more scandalous than to hear of many clever young doctors, who, after spending all their money on studying and becoming qualified for their profession, are "down-and-out," mainly because other doctors are exceeding their quota of panel patients?—*Fair Play, Longton.*

A New Job

Regarding your recent exposure of the wireless conspiracy, I would suggest that JOHN BULL should open an enquiry department to which all dealers could apply for references about prospective purchasers. The radio manufacturers who were deceived must have taken a lot for granted.—*M. J. Brennan, Ireland*

Security and Disarmament

"A. G. G.'s" article on security should be read by all men anxious for the reconstruction of Europe. Nations, dominated by fear, are daily heading towards that balance of power which was the true root of 1914's bitter harvest. Disarmament can but follow a period of security. It is up to our statesmen to bring that security to devastated Europe.—*Security, I.O.W.*

Weak Man

Dr. G. Courtenay Beale repudiates the suggestion that woman is the temptress. But is not woman's very existence a continual temptation to man? So long as a woman is what she is, there can be no alteration in the attitude of the male towards her. The only solution is to make woman's position such that she never gets into those extremities of life which place her in a position to be victimised.—*Robert Davidson, Fortis Green.*

A Good Idea

My only daughter, now eighteen, has gone, as she expressed it, "to face the world." My greatest help is JOHN BULL. Every week I post it to her, marking the points of warnings that I wish her to notice. It is the instrument that will open the eyes of youth.—*Constant Reader, Scotland.*

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First Aid in Schools

Observing a child of six years fall down in a council school playground, cutting knee and arm badly, I was astonished to see the teacher send the child to the lobby alone to sponge the cut. As adequate provision is compulsory in all factories for first aid treatment, some similar provision should also be made for the children attending the schools throughout the country.—*First Aider, Hanley.*

Crime and House Shortage

Dr. L. P. Jack's article should be thrust before the eyes of all on whom lies the responsibility for the shortage of houses. Petty grievances and objections of trade unions, local authorities and private enterprise should be swept away. When the builders do get a start, let there be properly and substantially constructed dwellings. Much crime is often the result of the present herded conditions.—*Harry Clinton, Nottingham.*

Criminal Cancer

To-day our country is suffering morally and financially because the habitually criminal class has in recent years greatly increased. Animal tendencies have developed, sex crimes become everyday occurrences, and prison life for the many who indulge in them a negligible experience. Segregation and supervision of the unfit are needed, and not until there is State regulation of the reproduction of the feeble-willed and morally deficient class will the cancer of the habitual criminal be cured.—*W. M., Liverpool.*

Money or Babies

"Pity the poor millionaire," says "Dangle" sarcastically. But in actual fact most workers do feel sorry for the man of riches, because they know that the millionaire does not have a wife with a wee bundle in her arms watching and waiting for daddy's homecoming after a hard day's toil. Millionairesses have neither love for their husbands nor the desire for children. Money is not everything, and most men would rather have someone who shared their joys and halved their sorrows than possess the wealth of the Orient.—*J. M., Elgin.*

A Question of Bail

In many cases of persons committed, bail is offered, but not always forthcoming. The result is that two persons may be charged with the same offence, bail being granted. One gets bail, the other goes to prison pending trial. What happens is that both may be sentenced to six months' imprisonment, but one has already been in prison two months, with the result that he serves eight months to the other's six. The remedy, to my mind, is for all sentences to date from the time the man or woman was charged.—*A. J. King, Cardiff.*

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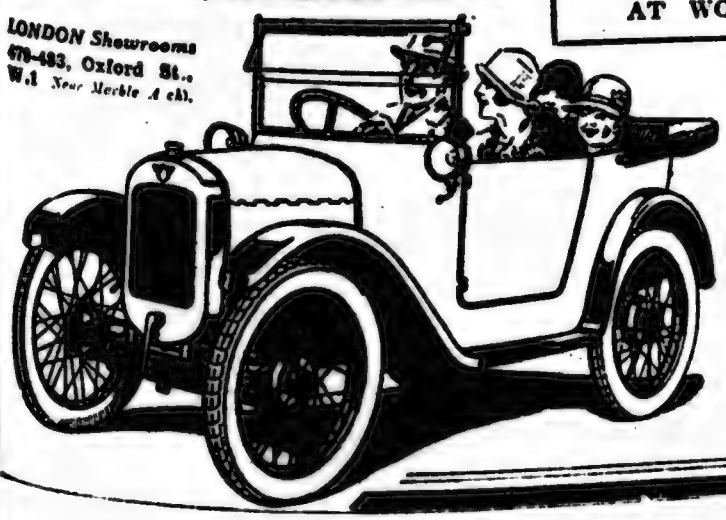

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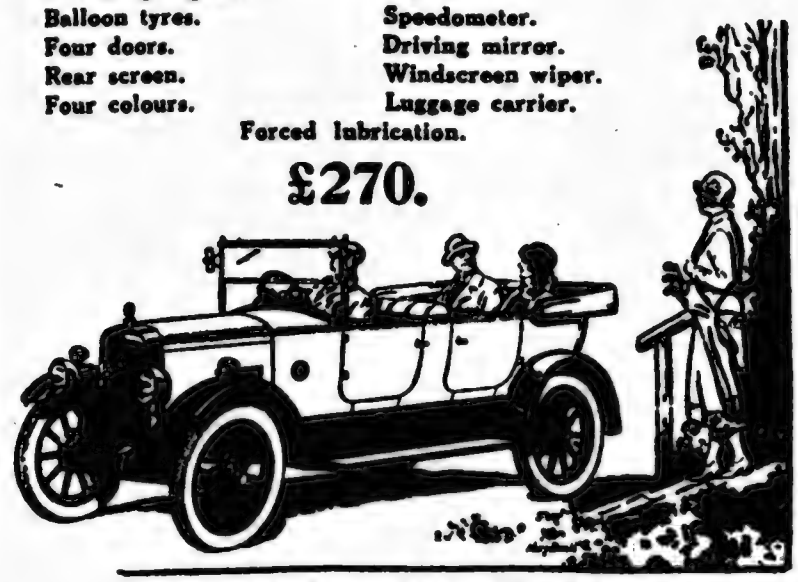

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Three Cheers for the Flat

Racing "On the Level"—My Final for The National

THE flat! It is a treat to write these two little words, and I take this opportunity of wishing every follower of my notes a prosperous season.

Although I have been a keen devotee of racing for twenty-five years, I have never considered the Turf a golden road to riches. On the other hand, I have not purchased a Rolls-Royce for a bookmaker. I think I can say quite safely that I have not even bought one a spare part for a Ford.

The reason for this is that I have treated the game as a game. I hope you will do the same. Do not overlook the fact that I am entirely at your service, and will answer any racing queries you care to send me. I do not intend to tip freely in the paper for the minor races, as I am able to use the code for late information. No Turf writer can guarantee winners, but I do not think you will regret following my selections.

Best Bets for the National.

"Major" Doyle is still very sweet on his mount, Fly Mask, for the Grand National, and I intend to give last year's runner-up my final vote. I understand that Doyle's chief fear is Thrown In, but from what I saw at Hurst Park I do not fancy Mr. Faber's horse. I think Ballinode is a greater danger, but she is a mare, and they seldom win the Aintree race. My finals are:—

FLY MASK—To win.
BALLINODE—Each way.
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Telephones on the Course.

Congratulations to the gentleman responsible for making the Grand National a little more up to date. I notice that telephones have been installed at every jump. In the event of bad accidents to horses or riders, ambulances can be brought upon the scene without loss of time.

The Real Optimist.

What is an optimist? A punter who shuts his eyes, plunges a fork into the list of probable starters for the Grand National, and hopes to find the first four!

Ginger is a Good One.

JOHN BULL readers will no doubt recollect that I was the first sporting writer to draw their attention to the crack French youngster, Ptolemy II. I mentioned that the colt might carry off one or more of our Classics. Captain Cohn, who owns Ptolemy, has another promising horse in Ginger IX., and if the present rate of relative progress is maintained Ginger may go to Epsom, leaving his stable companion to run at Doncaster in the St. Leger. If you take my advice you won't rush in to contribute to the Bookmakers' Maintenance Fund by backing either at the absurd odds on offer. In due course I shall have more definite news, and the prices can hardly be shorter on the day of the race than they are at present.

French Hanky-Panky.

There is a great deal of hanky-panky about regarding French horses entered for English races, and, unfortunately, some of the less-discerning Press writers have fallen into the traps set, and are booming certain horses at the instance of connections, in the hope of influencing prices of others in which they are interested. I can only repeat what I have already said. If you are told of a French smasher that is going to run away with races here, write and tell me all about it before putting your money down. I will tell you whether it is one of the sort to keep off.

A Money-making Tip.

A hint to remember. The two-year-old which comes out for the first time, starts a red-hot favourite, and finishes down the course, is one to follow. Next time out you will most likely be on a 10 to 1 winner.

Dowser 100 to 8

Won for the code selections at the opening day of the Sandown Park Meeting.
"Silver Ring's" two-a-day show a profit of over 30 points.

Two Trainers to Follow.

During the early part of the season, when there is very little form upon which to weigh up a race, it pays to follow trainers whose horses are well forward. Following his usual practice, Jack Jarvis has kept his large team hard at work in spite of the weather, and intends to adopt the same methods which he found so successful in the early part of last year. He won as many races in the first month as many trainers do through a season. A good start is half the battle, and Jack never lets the grass grow under his feet. Stanley Wootton is another trainer who will be bang in the limelight during April.

Jack Jarvis, the trainer to watch for the next few weeks.

No Relation to Jack.

I should not put my money on Frank Dempsey in a ring, but I have seen him on the back of a horse, and I shall not be surprised if he follows in the footsteps of the Woottons, the Bullocks, and the M'Lachlans. Frank has ridden over four hundred winners in Australia, and he hopes to do the same over here. Scobie, who trained the winner of last year's "Gimcrack," Game Shot, has first claim on his services. He will also ride for "Ossie" Bell.

Brains and Briny.

I had lunch the other day with Dale, the Bishopstone trainer, who is still performing miracles patching up crippled horses. Dale told me that he made a long study of the value of sea-water when he was out East. Most of the horses sent to him first of all undergo veterinary treatment. The sea-water cure is the last stage. He finds it hard work mending crocks, but is rewarded by the results. Dale can win races with cripples. If some wise owners sent him some sound beasts they would find that they were in capable hands.

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This code will be changed in next week's JOHN BULL. It covers the racing from March 25 to March 31.

"SILVER RING"

Soccer this Week-End

THE English League beat the Scottish League by the odd goal in seven, but it is 6 to 4 on the international result being the other way round.

Only a miracle can now save Notts Forest and Preston North End from relegation.

Either Huddersfield or West Bromwich should win the League Championship.

Why is one of the English Cup semi-finals to be played on the Notts County ground, which holds no more than 45,000? This means a loss of about £2,000 between the F. A. Cardiff and Sheffield United, and if the F.A. doesn't care, the clubs do.

Celtic have never lost so many League fixtures as in the present season.

Derby County have not been shaping like Second Division champions lately, but apart from their meeting with Manchester United at Derby next week, their remaining fixtures are not difficult ones.

Leicester City are seriously aiming at breaking the Spurs League record of 100 goals in one season—not to say promotion as well, of course.

WEEK-END COUPS

7 HOME.—Sunderland, Chelsea, Leicester, Bristol C., Brighton, Darlington, Airdrieonians.

5 HOME.—Sunderland, Leicester, Bristol C., Darlington, Airdrieonians.

3 AWAY.—Rangers, Swansea, Southport.

3 DRAWS.—Notts C. v. Huddersfield, Everton v. Villa, Norwich v. Newport.

3 HOME, 2 AWAY.—Leicester, Darlington, Airdrieonians, Rangers, Swansea.

1 HOME, 1 AWAY, 1 DRAW.—Leicester, Swansea, Rochdale v. Nelson.

FORECAST FOR APRIL 4

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION I.

HOME WINNERS.—Blackburn R., *Bury, *Huddersfield, Liverpool, *Manchester C., Newcastle, Notts F.

AWAY WINNER.—Cardiff.

DRAWS.—*Aston Villa v. Sunderland, *Sheffield U. v. Spurs, *W. Ham v. Bolton W.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

HOME WINNERS.—*Derby C., *Fulham, *Hull, Middlesbrough, *Portsmouth, Port Vale, S. Shields, *Wolves.

AWAY WINNER.—*Leicester C.

DRAWS.—*Bradford C. v. Chelsea, *Barnsley v. Clapton O.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (Southern).

HOME WINNERS.—*Exeter C., *Newport, *Reading, Southend, *Swansea, *Watford.

AWAY WINNERS.—*Millwall, Plymouth, Brighton.

DRAWS.—*Charlton v. Bristol C., *Northampton v. Swindon.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (Northern).

HOME WINNERS.—*Crewe, *Doncaster R., Lincoln, *Rochdale, Southport, *Tranmere, Walsall, Chesterfield.

AWAY WINNERS.—*Bradford, N. Brighton.

DRAW.—*Nelson v. Darlington.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

HOME WINNERS.—*Ayr U., Cowdenbeath, *Morton, Motherwell, Raith R., *St. Mirren.

DRAWS.—*Aberdeen v. Hearts, Dundee v. Hibernians.

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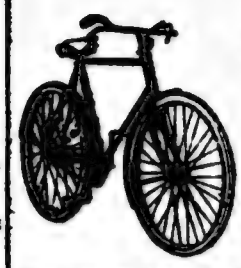

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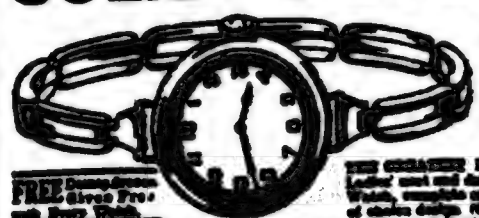

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John Bull's Letter Bag

THE Editor may be flippant on this page but his humour is kindly and never malicious, and he wants you to see it in this light. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note and take his leave with a smile. Serious questions are handled by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service. See note at top of last column this page.

J. D. (Hulme).—"Boys will be boys." And so will girls, nowadays.

G. G. (Horncastle).—"Late hours are very bad for one." And very dangerous for two.

F. W. (Oldtown).—"Women should have hobbies." They have—generally speaking.

D. W. (Brighton).—"I am a keen student of astronomy." It's above most people's heads.

B. C. A. (Richmond).—"Angling always makes me hungry." Especially when you don't get a bite.

M. N. (Islington).—"Some politicians never seem to get anywhere." They only take a platform ticket.

A. T. (Lee).—"He stood there in the rain abusing the constable." We expect it was fine next morning.

H. K. (Buckingham).—"What do you think of a man keeping a hedgehog as a pet?" It has its points.

J. M. W. (Brighton).—"Your paper, sir, is very bright and sparkling." Your words, sir, are a reflection on us.

H. J. F. (Wigan).—"Most of the composers of popular songs are in America." But they are not quite all there.

N. D. (Oxford).—"I am always moved by music." We'll take the ban off the office boy's whistle when you call.

Mrs. L. (Wigan).—"She called me unfeeling and hard." Well, you wouldn't rather she called you soft, would you?

A. A. (Newark).—"Servants to-day have any amount of money." We certainly know cooks who have a copper or two.

H. F. (Bolton).—"I am convinced that someone is trying to rob my hen-roost." Better count your chickens before they're snatched.

T. T. (Fishguard).—"In good restaurants they boil coffee ten minutes to extract the goodness." And often succeed admirably.

V. T. (Fulham).—"The modern young woman is becoming a painted doll." The prominence of the lip-stick certainly lends colour to the theory.

Mrs. G. T. (Rochdale).—"Do you think she stays week-ends at Brighton for nothing?" Not from what we know of seaside landladies.

GERTIE (Lambeth).—"He calls me by my first name now." We suppose you're looking forward to the time when other people call you by his last name.

L. N. (Wells).—"Although I put my cigars on the top shelf my small son always finds them, and tries to smoke." Give the cigars or the boy a good hiding

A. J. (Wigan).—"Will the Niagara Falls ever dry up?" We don't know. Will you?

BESSIE N. (Manchester).—"I've got a perfect duck of a hat." We'll wager it has a big bill.

H. H. (Bridlington.)—"She's the swiftest flirt round here." How many laps to the minute?

S. M. (Lancaster).—"Married couples are all alike." On the contrary, they all have their differences.

L. R. (Long Preston).—"I know he has one wife too many." But he may not be a bigamist for all that.

T. M. (Hornsea).—"I should like to quote the lowest terms." Please, don't. We dislike bad language.

BERTIE F. (Hindhead).—"I shall turn it well over in my mind." We don't doubt you have plenty of room.

G. N. (Twickenham).—"When you read my humorous story what did you think?" Of Mark Twain. He wrote it first.

C. H. D. (Deptford).—"If there's anything I'd like more than a *Bullets* First, it's a 'Double First.'" Wishing won't win you anything. Start thinking.

G. J. (Tynemouth).—"Don't you think it would be foolish of me to marry someone intellectually my inferior?" Worse than foolish—impossible.

B. C. (Wanstead).—"I said 'How do you do?' and he struck me." He evidently didn't like you enquiring into his business methods.

"DON JUAN" (Hove).—"I have an eye for a pretty woman." If not used discreetly, it will probably prove to be an eye for an ugly fist.

M. N. (London, S.W.).—"My son is a fine runner and makes a lot of money on the track." Then he must be making great strides in his profession.

H. B. (Manchester).—"It is possible to change the shape of one's nose by treatment." One method is to jab a burly navvy with your umbrella and then demand an apology.

F. N. C. (Hendon).—"There is no song about billiards." After watching an unskilful friend having a ripping time on our new table we at once thought of the wearing of the green.

D. M. (Edinburgh).—"What is to stop me from going abroad." Not us!

L. V. D. (Hove).—"I called a constable, but he arrested me." Whatever did you call him?

GEORGE F. (Acton).—"I can move a crowd with my voice." Pass along, right down the car, please!

J. D. L. (Chelmsford).—"Magistrates talk too much." And yet some of their sentences are too short.

H. N. (Surbiton).—"Do you believe that departed spirits ever come back?" Only in the form of hiccoughs.

H. N. A. (Maida Vale).—"I was fired with enthusiasm." Whose enthusiasm? Yours or your employer's?

N. V. (Chester).—"I am learning to play the bagpipes." We expect the neighbours are getting the wind up, too.

"JUSTICE" (Keighley).—"A man can't eat his cake *and* have it." Often, however, he has his wife's cake but can't eat it.

V. H. (Saltley).—"My letter doesn't do me justice." No, unfortunately—it has passed your sentence upon us instead.

J. N. (Chelmsford).—"In what article of food are the most vitamines found?" According to the latest scientific theory, the answer's a lemon.

C. T. J. (Margate).—"These modern girls want everlasting treating to ice-cream and pictures." True, even the cost of loving has gone up.

V. J. (Hornsey).—"My landlord was very angry when he tore his coat on a nail in my hall." Well, it wasn't exactly the rent he came for, was it?

S. F. (Wellingborough).—"Does any man ever deny himself a pleasure he is able to indulge?" Yes, we shan't read your twelve pages to the end.

"EIGHTEEN" (Sudbury).—"My father and I are not of the same way of thinking." The ways being, we imagine, that he thinks, and you—think you do.

D. G. P. (Luffenham).—"Letters rarely go astray in the post." Some of our correspondence, however, tempts us to ask the authorities why more letters don't.

H. S. (Upper Tooting).—"I've paid for rabbit pie that had never a trace of rabbit." And we've bought cabinet pudding without a sight of Mr. Baldwin.

THERE is a terribly lonely feeling that comes over most of us at times when we are in trouble, a burdensome loneliness that the possession of many relatives and friends can do nothing to relieve. Too often we feel that there is not one of them to whom we can confidently go for advice, not one who will understand our secret sorrow and sympathise with us in our distress. We know they wish us well in a general sense, but we cannot trust them with our inmost thoughts.

To all who are in perplexity JOHN BULL offers its Free Advice Service. Tell us your troubles, enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope, and we will do our best to dispel your difficulties, from whatever cause they may arise.

D. A. C. (Worcester).—"My watch never stops." But we suppose you get it back again every Monday?

P. M. (Linwood).—"I first met my wife when I was on a tour of the world." She caught you tripping.

A. B. N. (Hammersmith).—"He called me a young fool." Never mind. Time will remedy half your complaint.

"SUITOR" (Derby).—"I called at her house to propose, but she was out." Your luck though, we gather, was in.

G. L. (Putney).—"I frequently step off the moving-stairway at the Tube with the wrong foot first." You dare-devil!

Mrs. P. (Wakefield).—"I should be much obliged if you'll tell me the safest bank." Alas, we are no bank director.

Mrs. G. (Streatham).—"I feel under no obligation to tell my husband all my past." Perhaps his ignorance is your bliss.

O. K. (Ingleton).—"A fellow can always learn a business and then set up for himself." Ever had a job at the Mint?

J. H. (Edmonton).—"I wouldn't mind taking a haunted house." No one else would either, these days, so we fear you haven't the ghost of a chance.

"UNLUCKY" (Lispole).—"Some men get the fat, and some get the lean." While others, of course, don't marry at all.

Mrs. L. (Canterbury).—"They say this house is haunted but I've never heard the ghost." Perhaps it doesn't spook unless spoken to.

Mrs. M. (Doncaster).—"You'll see from enclosed group I got my good looks from my dad." Generosity was evidently not his strong point.

J. T. (Branston).—"Why does Parliament sit at night?" Members, like everyone else, find it easier to sleep then than in the daytime.

J. Y. (Polegate).—"Why do revue stars make such good marriages?" Because as soon as they get on they find it easy to get off.

G. N. (Highgate).—"When having afternoon tea with my fiancée I accidentally upset the table." We suppose that all was over between you.

J. R. F. (Bootle).—"When my boy came home from school he had six weals from the cane." We can only hope his correction has left no ill-effects behind.

F. N. (Sleaford).—"The man who swept our chimneys made a horrible mess about the house." No wonder you would have liked to make a clean sweep of him.

F. F. (Eltham).—"The Council has prohibited the use of gas in its houses here." We hear that henpecked husbands are going about with a look of dazed relief in their faces.

(Many replies unavoidably held over.)

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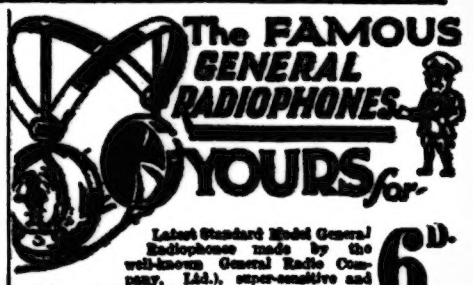

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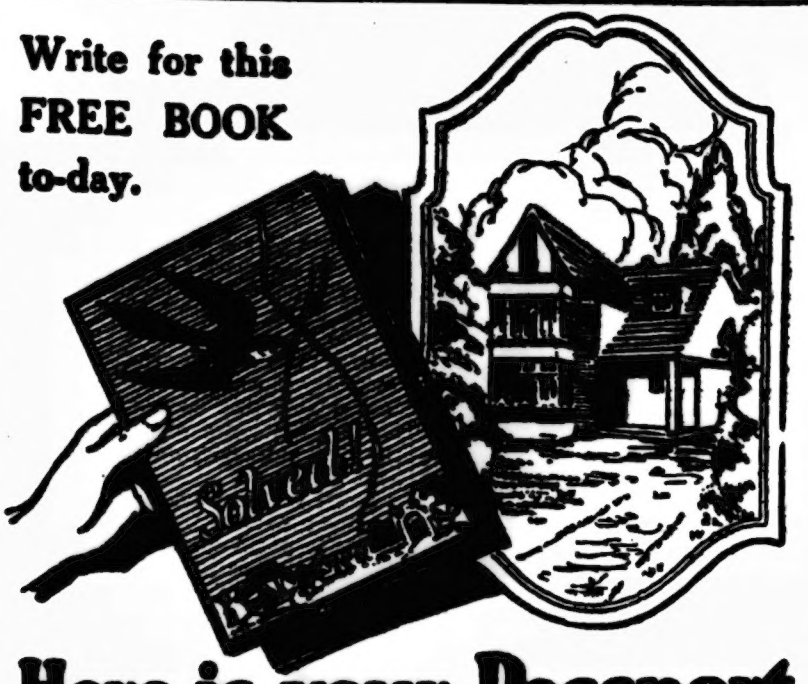

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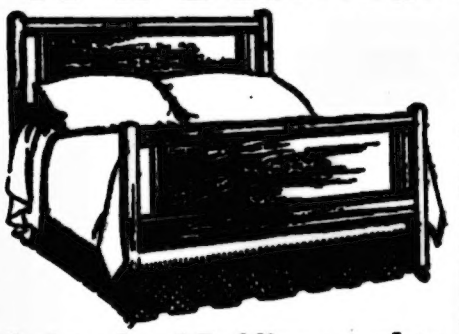

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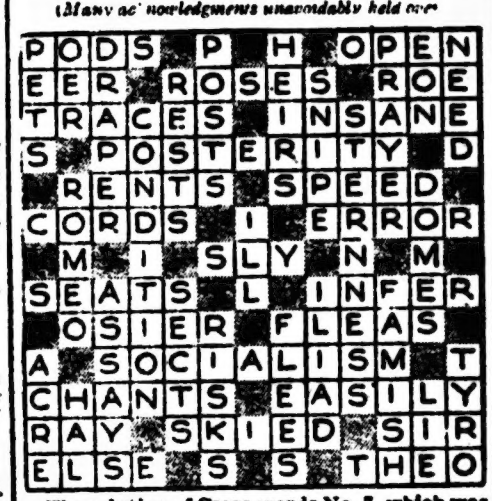

The solution of Cross-words No. 7, which was published in our issue of March 14. The 1,000 prizes have been despatched and a list of prize-winners can be seen at this office.

"Bullets" £1 Prize-winners.

(*Continued from page* 35.)

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5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

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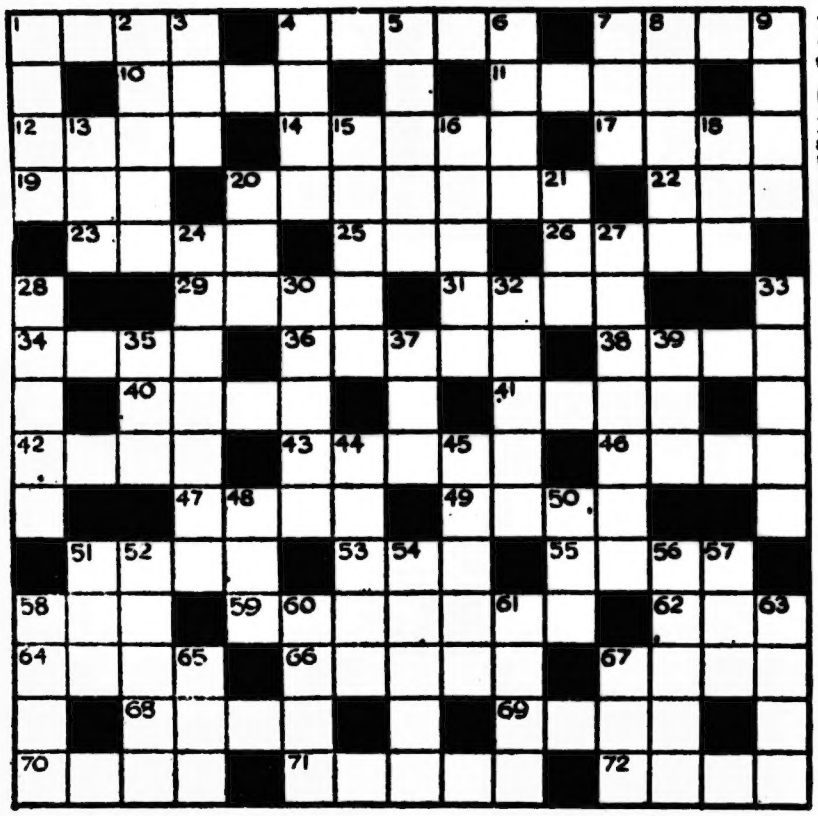

Cross-words No. 9. Closing date April 1.

NAME .....

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HERE is another straightforward Cross-word Puzzle that can be solved without the aid of a dictionary—and it may bring you a prize.

ONE THOUSAND prizes will be awarded to the senders of the first thousand correct solutions opened by the Editor. Entries must be received by April 1. To ensure absolute fairness no solutions will be opened until after the closing date.

CLUES.

ACROSS

1. Shove.
4. Victims of fraud.
7. Dagger wound.
10. Vehicle.
11. Persian poet.
12. Plural pronoun.
14. Courteous
17. Small open space
19. Colour.
20. Divisions of time.
22. Owing.
23. Scottish hill-side.
25. Pronoun.
26. Not shut.
29. To censure severely.
31. German river.
34. Abound.
36. Precious stone.
38. For fear of
40. Species.
41. Large area of the world.
42. Change direction.
43. Gorge.
46. To stuff.
47. Highest point.
49. Girl's name.
51. Girl's name
53. To be prone.
55. Measure of length.
58. Exist.
59. Maxim.
62. To go sick.
64. Makes puddings.
66. Ceased to sleep.
67. Fighting men.
68. Against.
69. Eastern ruler.
70. Fish.
71. Staunch.
72. Ditch.

DOWN

1. Vegetable tissue
2. Guide.
3. Dried grass.
4. For gamblers.
5. Turning pin.
6. Disposed of by vendor.
7. Utter.
8. Commerce
9. Ordered.
13. Wheel centre.
15. On cake.
16. Inserted.
18. What cowards do.
20. Large quantity of brine.
21. Audible grie..
24. Naval rating.
27. Bird.
28. Heating appliance.
30. Lady.
32. Certificate of tenure.
33. Exchanged for postage fee.
35. To supplement.
37. Vague quantity.
39. Part of head.
44. Underneath.
45. Soft and glossy.
48. Headgear.
50. For writing.
51. Age.
52. State authorised
54. Hard animal substance.
56. To bear.
57. Pronoun.
58. Requests
60. Mode of transit.
61. Highland dance.
63. Musical instrument.
65. A number.
67. Succour.

Fill in the puzzle squares, write your name and address in the space provided, cut out the whole, and post to Cross-words No. 9, P.O. Box 200, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Cross-word solutions must not be enclosed with "Bullets" coupons.

Another Fine Cross-word Puzzle in "The People" on Sunday.

SELECTION OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 558.

WHAT WINSTON WANTS—HOMES FOR HEROES—LADY POLICEMAN—WE WANT TO KNOW—WHEN FATHER SHOPS—WONDERFUL TIME—NERVOUSLY—WORTH FIGHTING FOR—NEW ASSISTANT—TRYING TO PLEASE—TRUE LOVE—WHAT THE CHEMIST SAID—ON A POSTCARD—WITHOUT WINGS—CLERK OF THE WEATHER—HIS DOWNFALL—OPEN ALL DAY—FOR HER—WHY THEY QUARRELLED—WHAT IS A MOTHER?

These Examples can be made use of on the Coupon on page 35, and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY, APRIL 16.** All coupons so used **MUST** be marked clearly with the number **558** in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these Coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. **558,** JOHN BULL, Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such Coupons must not contain any of the Examples for Competition No. **557.**

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FIRST PRIZE OF £1,500:

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Example :—WORLD WE LIVE IN
Bullet :—TOO OFTEN POPULATION ONE.

SECOND PRIZE OF £250:

Mr. R. WATTS, 6, Stanley Road, Gloucester.

Example :—SELDOM
Bullet :—STEPMOTHERS FOLLOW MOTHERS' STEPS.

THIRD PRIZE OF £100:

Miss J. M. GRANT, 92, King Street, Aberdeen.

Example :—SLUM MOTHER
Bullet :—MANY TIES WITHOUT AMENITIES.

FOURTH PRIZE OF £50:

Mr. J. STANTON, 32, Flaxton Terrace, Beeston Hill, Leeds.

Example :—TO-DAY'S PROBLEM
Bullet :—MAKING BOTH *Sides* MEET.

FIFTH PRIZE OF £25:

Mr. G. TAYLOR, 37, Pixmore Avenue, Letchworth, Herts.

Example :—AT TWENTY-ONE
Bullet :—SHE'S STUDYING *Birthday* CONTROL.

10 Prizes of £5 each:

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WORLD WE LIVE IN—"BALL" GOLFING NOVICE HIT.

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G. HOWE, 75, Hele Road, Torquay.
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(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

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PROMISE OF SPRING
SITTING ON THE FENCE
A TRIAL
ALL IN THE GAME
FOR SIXPENCE
IN HER WAY
SEEMS ENDLESS
ONCE A WEEK
MODERN FAMILY
GOLDEN AGE
ON HIS OWN
HEARD ON THE WIRELESS
WHAT FATHER'S TOLD
DOESN'T COUNT
WHEN TELEVISION COMES
LONELY ROAD
LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM
IN COURT
I WONDER WHAT
BIG BEN
MAN TO FOLLOW
HER SECRET
WHAT THE FOOL SAID
PLENTIFUL
MAKES BABY CRY
BLIND ALLEY
SURPRISE FOR ME
SLUM LIFE
WHEN SHE GOT MARRIED
BORROWING
AN OVERDOSE
WHAT IS A SERVANT?

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Choose any of the *Examples* printed; then give any **Two, Three,** or **Four Words** having some bearing on the *Example* chosen, each of which can begin with any letter in the alphabet. These specimens will guide you :—

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Example :—SCIENCE *Bullet* :—PROFESSOR SMITH NOW SMITHERENS.
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Example _____
Bullet _____
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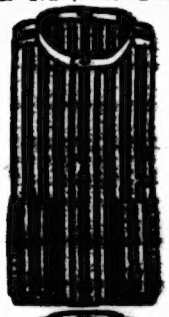

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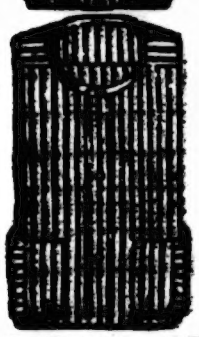

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